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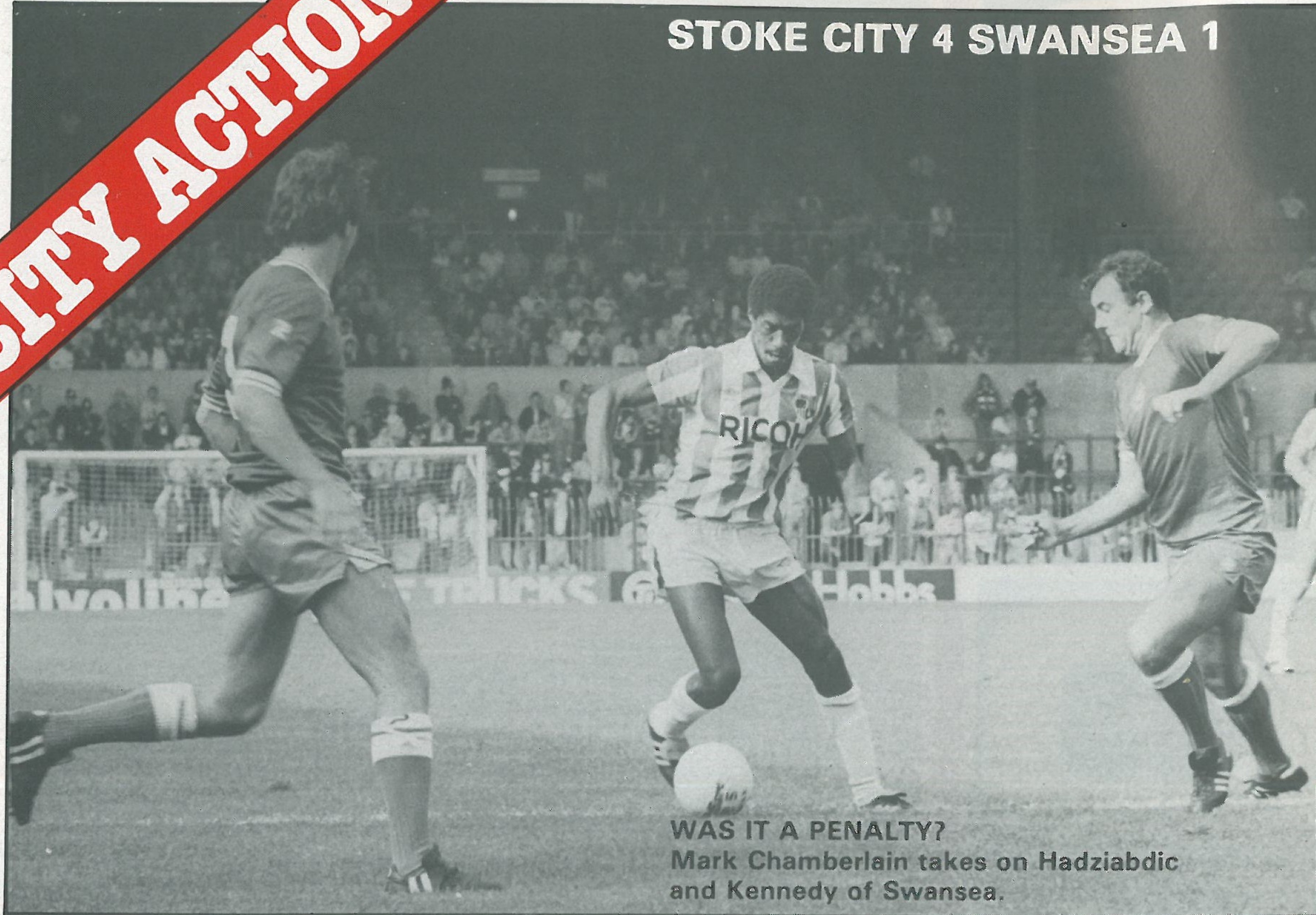
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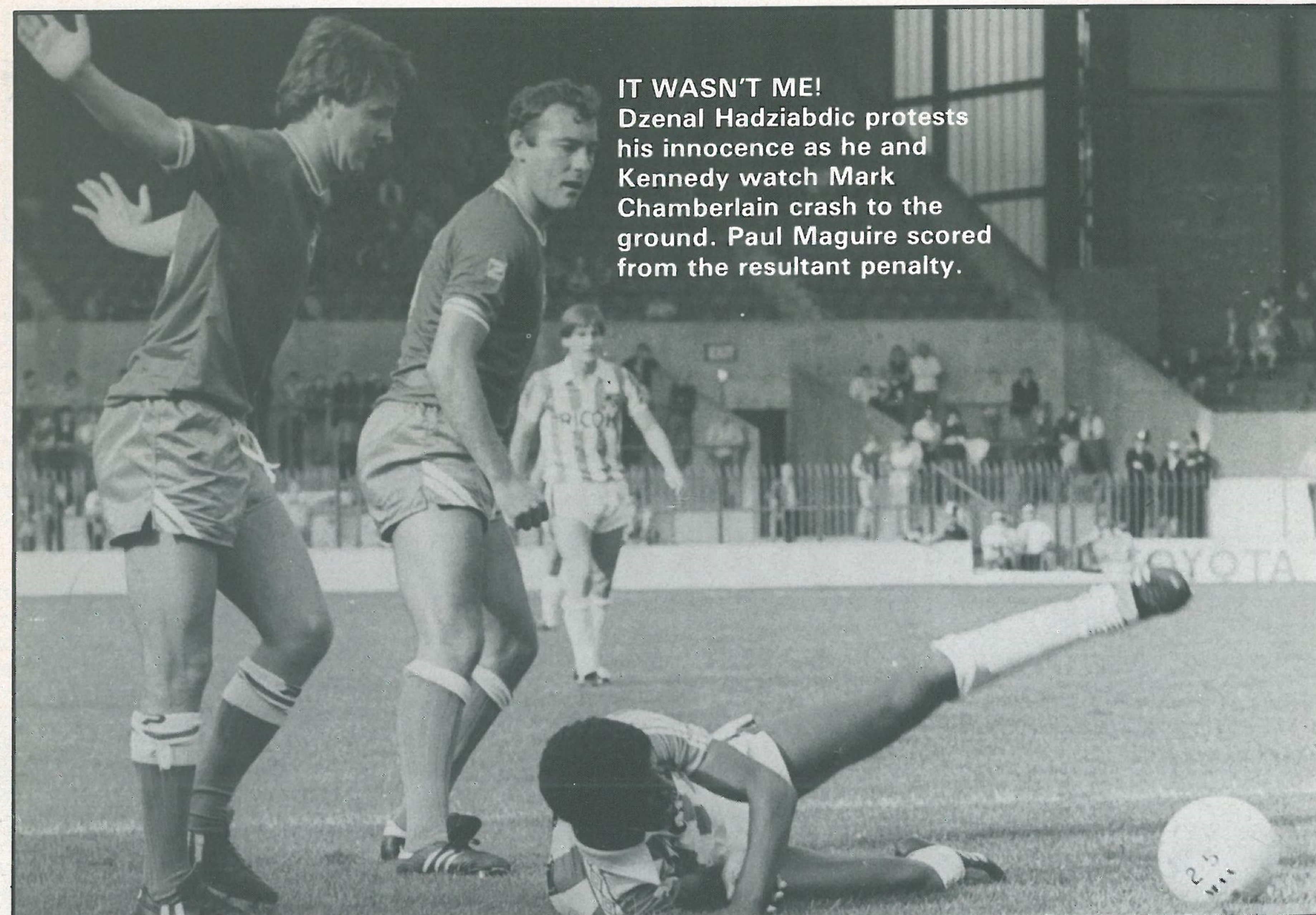
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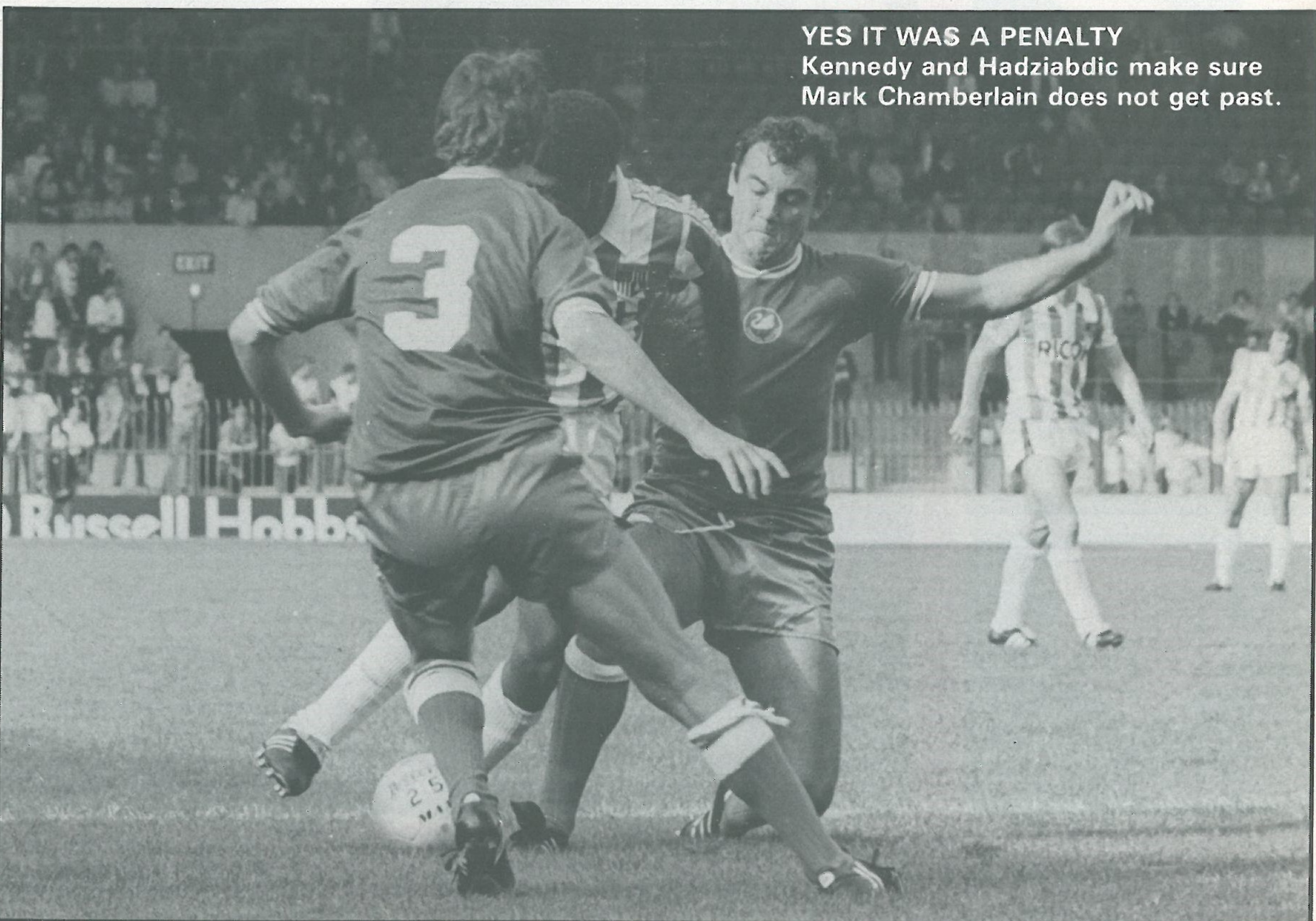
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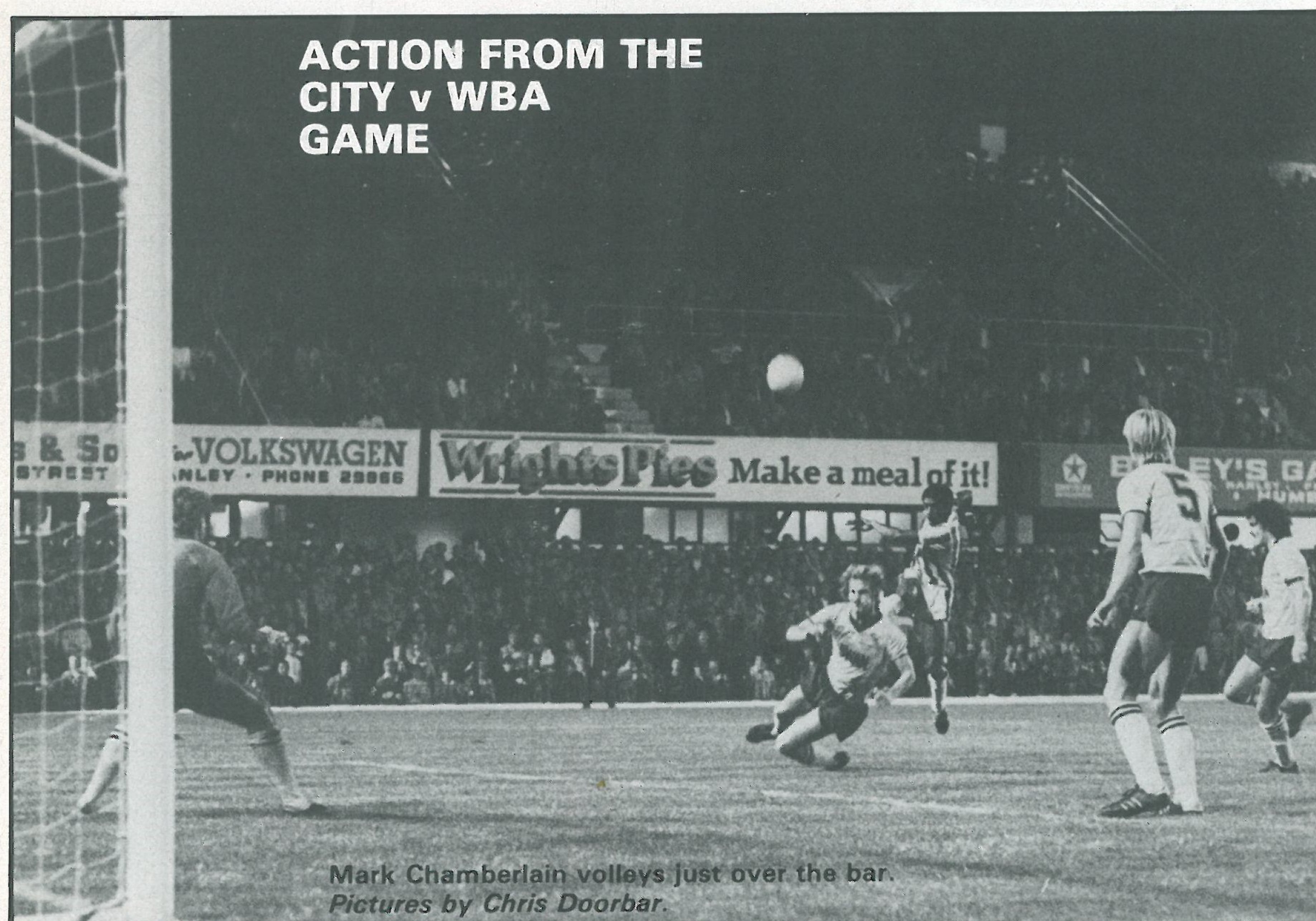
WAS IT A PENALTY?
Mark Chamberlain takes on Hadziabdic and Kennedy of Swansea.



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Dzenal Hadziabdic protests his innocence as he and Kennedy watch Mark Chamberlain crash to the ground. Paul Maguire scored from the resultant penalty.

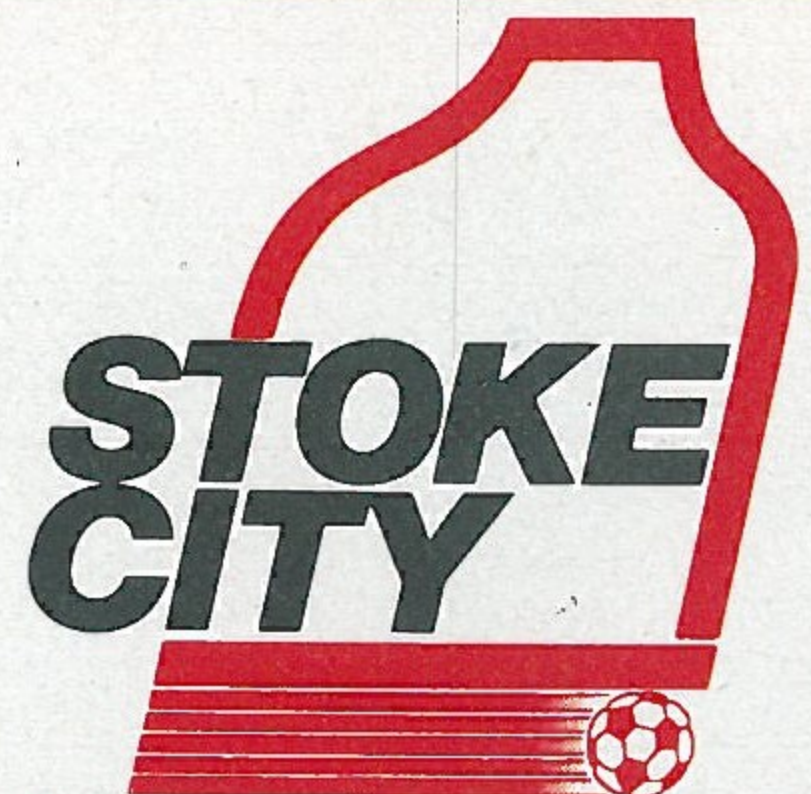


YES IT WAS A PENALTY
Kennedy and Hadziabdic make sure Mark Chamberlain does not get past.



ACTION FROM THE CITY v WBA GAME

Mark Chamberlain volleys just over the bar.
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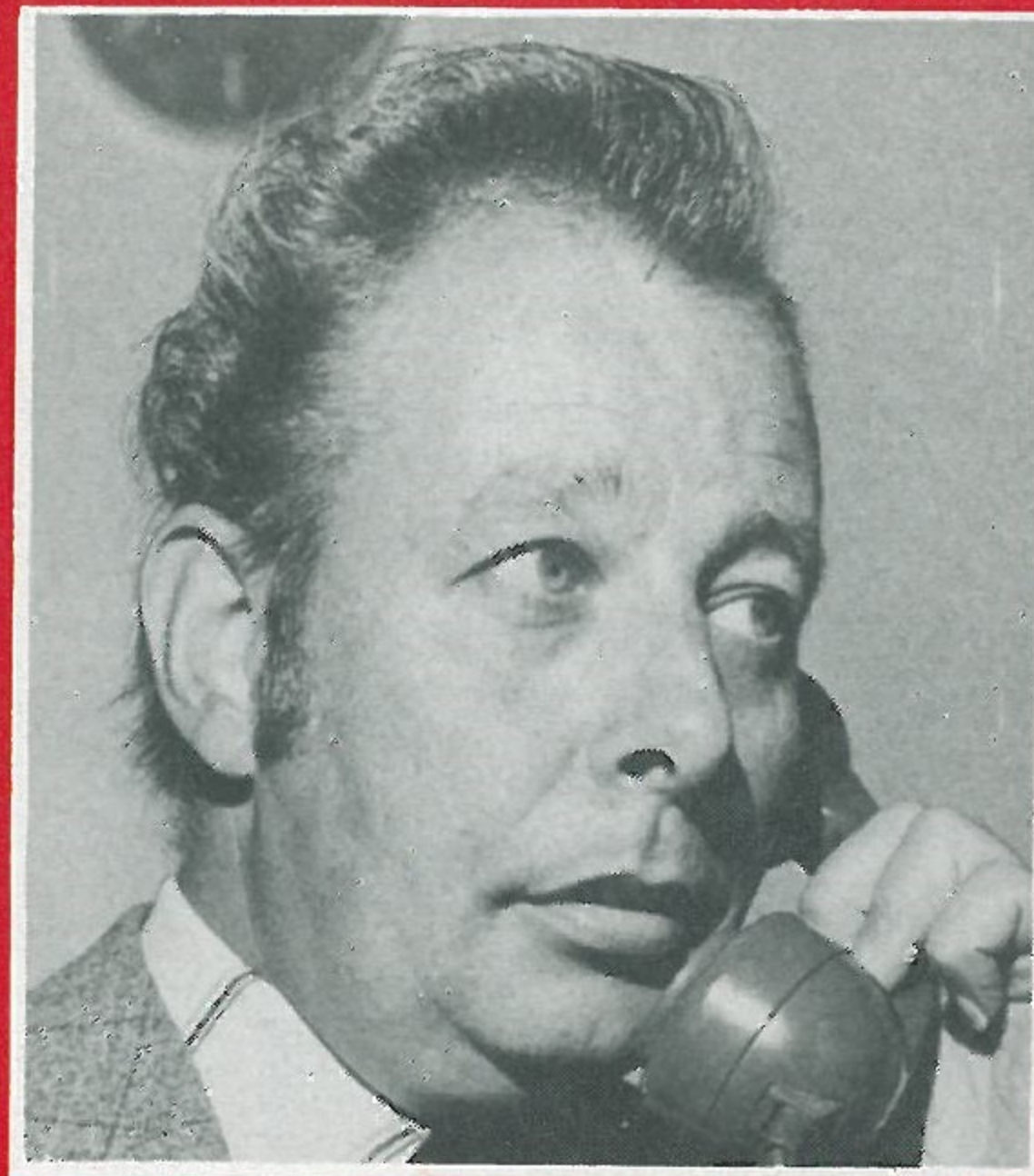
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By **PETER HEWITT**

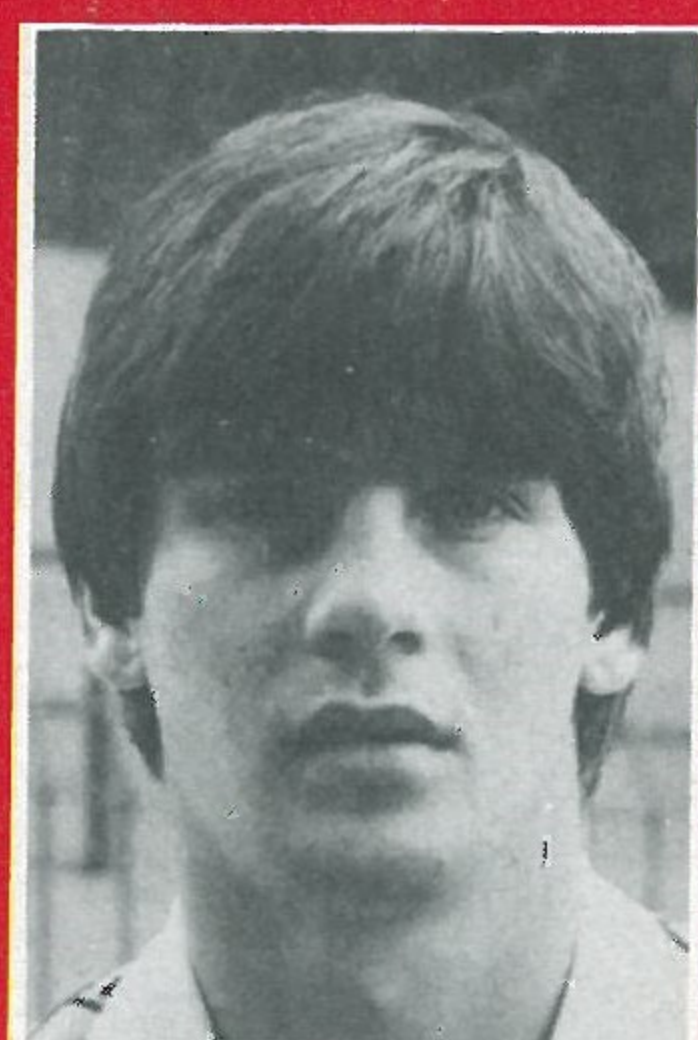
SEPTEMBER

8 Former Stoke and Liverpool full-back Alec Lindsay signs for North-West Counties League club Newton. Paul Maguire given a new left-back role against West Bromwich Albion after Peter Hampton fails a fitness test. Mark Chamberlain produces an explosive performance but Stoke have nothing to show for their attacking commitment and Albion show their striking power with goals from Regis, Eastoe and Ally Brown in a 3-0 success.

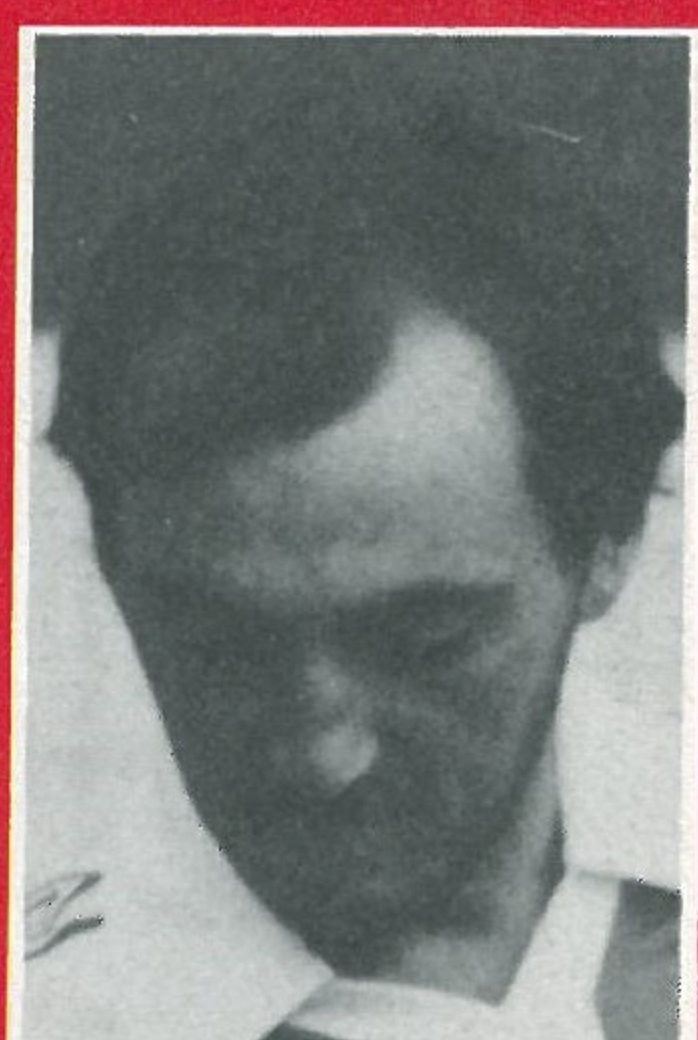
9 Goalkeeper crisis when Peter Fox reports a damaged groin. Newcastle Town keeper Paul Field, former England schoolboy international, signed on League forms before the 48-hour deadline. Brentford reject offer for full-back Denis Salman. Mickey Thomas back in Wales squad.



MICKEY THOMAS



PAUL BRACEWELL



PAUL MAGUIRE

Front Cover Story
Stoke City's Victoria Ground as photographed by Chris Doorbar (left inset) and immaculately kept by the most famous father and son act in the groundsmen's business! Eddie and Derek Hartley. These three have co-operated to win the Great Britain runners-up award, open to all sports grounds - Football, Cricket, Golf, and Tennis. The competition was sponsored by Super-Turf Products.

10 Spotlight on Field who gets time off his work in Newcastle post office to train with Stoke. Plans to work normally on Saturday morning. Denis Smith fines himself a week's wages at York City after being sent off at Hull. He says: 'We have strict rules on discipline and those rules apply to me as to everyone else.'

11 Disappointment for Field as Fox is declared fit enough to turn out against Swansea City although unable to take goalkicks. Stoke come from behind to win 4-1 with Mickey Thomas netting his first goal from a free-kick. Mark Chamberlain is involved in three of Stoke's goals but Sammy McIlroy stars.

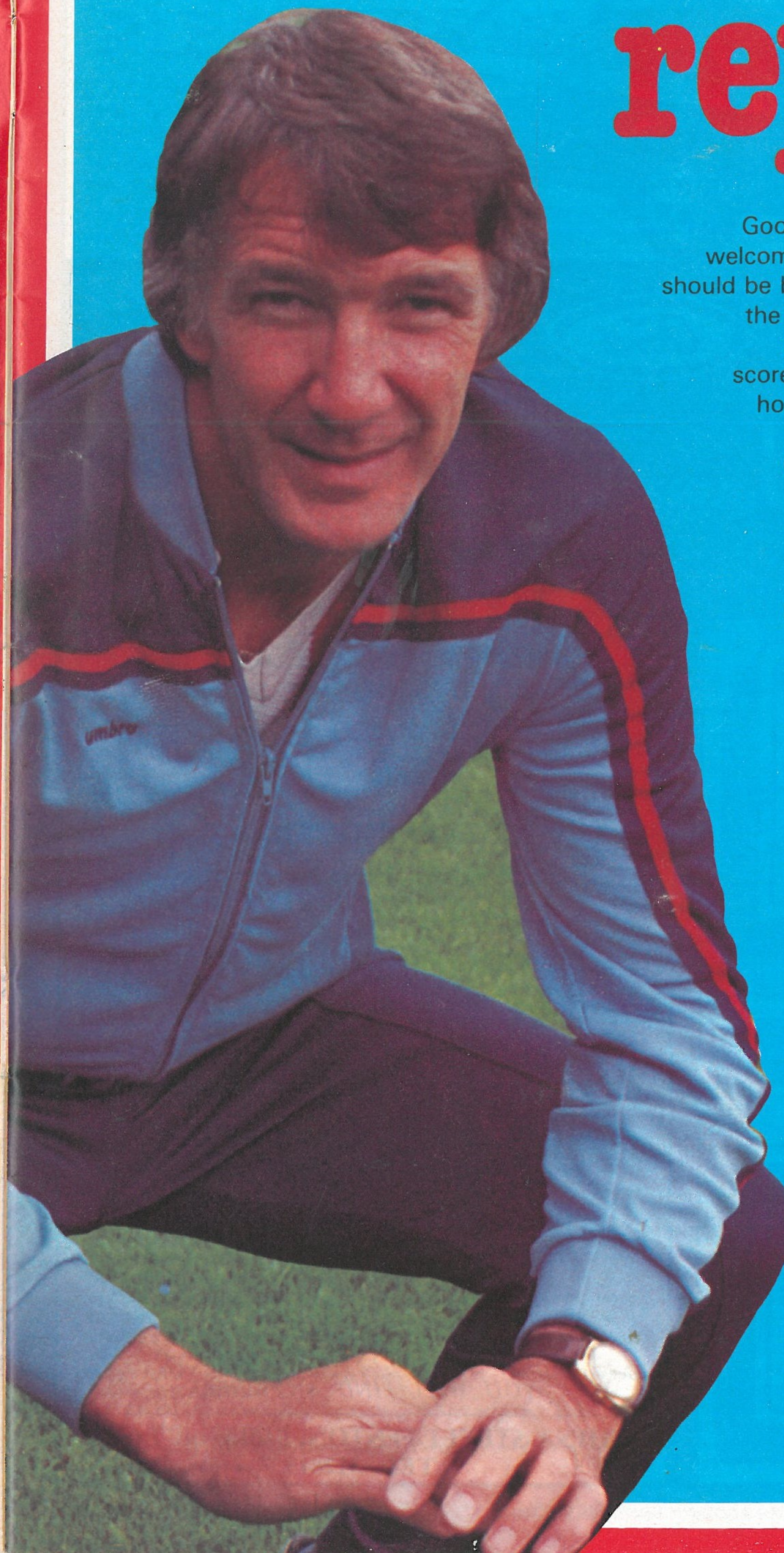
13 Barnstaple full-back triallist Nigel Jarvis, 18, is ruled out of reserve friendly against Cardiff through injury. Alan Dodd signs a weekly contract and figures in 3-1 success.

14 England Under-23 call-up for Paul Bracewell for start of UEFA Championship series in Denmark. Paul says: 'I knew this was going to be my make or break season for England selection. It was the best phone call I have had in ages.'

15 Richie Barker has talks with Port Vale manager John McGrath about teaming up Neville Chamberlain with younger brother Mark. Also has talks with former Spurs goalkeeper Milija Aleksic with a view to a month's loan as cover for Peter Fox.

RICHIE

reports...



Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and a special welcome to Luton Town and their supporters, in what should be billed as potentially the highest scoring game of the day. Like ourselves David Pleat has pledged an attacking policy and so far this season we have scored 13 goals and Luton have scored 16 goals, so hopefully there is the prospect of an exciting high scoring game.

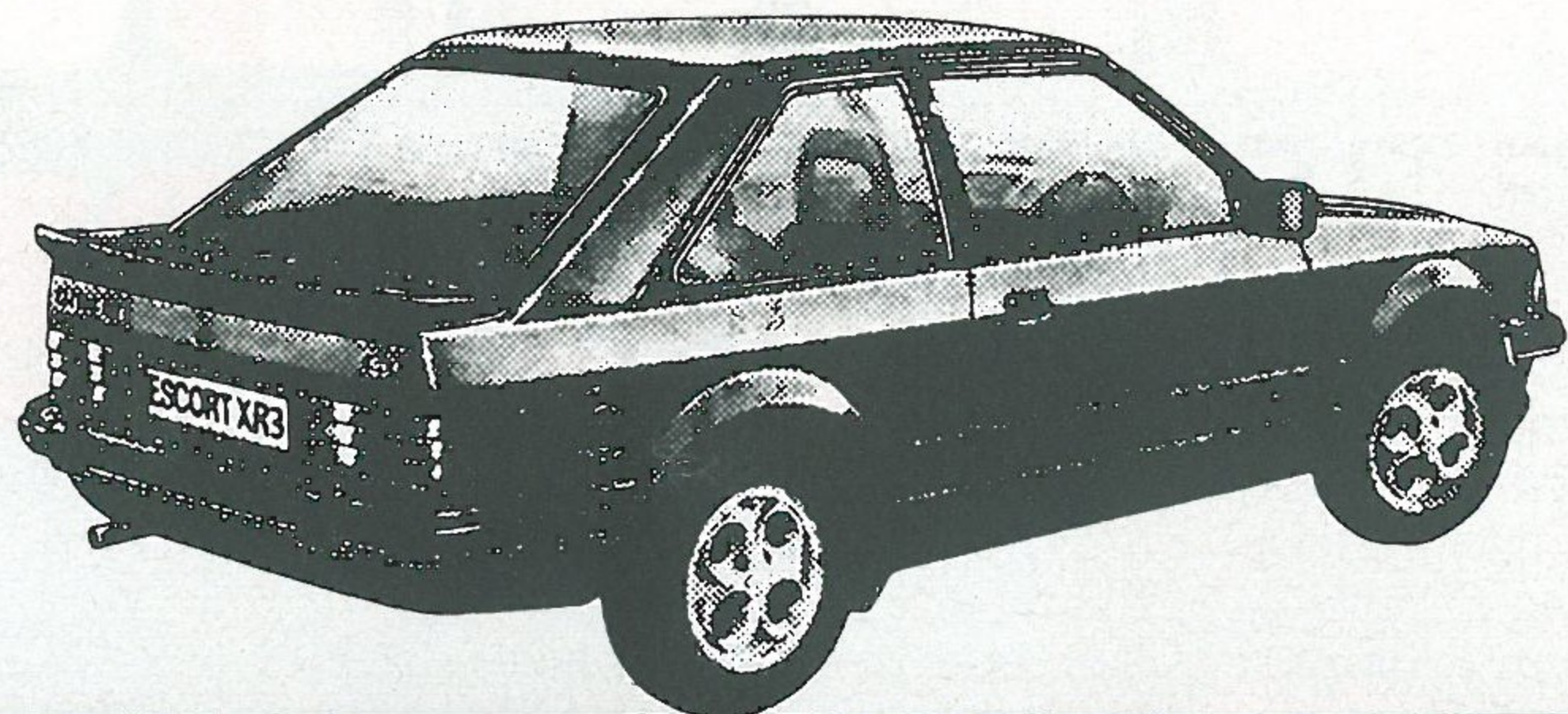
Congratulations go to Paul Bracewell who wins his first cap at Under-21 level for England in Denmark. It is an honour thoroughly deserved, for if there is anyone who works harder at his game than 'Brace', then so far I haven't seen him. He is a model professional and I hope it is the start of a long and successful international career for him.

Many reports in the Press recently have commented on the flair of our team this season, but let me say here and now that to produce any kind of flair demands tremendous hard work and in this respect the players have responded magnificently.

It is a fact that flair and tactics together will win nothing without hard work and application and last weeks win at Ipswich typified this completely. Every player ran themselves into the ground, but at the end of the game it was worth it.

The League Cup draw has again paired us with a First Division club in West Ham United with the home leg first on 6th October and the away leg at West Ham on 26th October. I look forward to seeing you all on 6th October in what again looks like an extremely attractive fixture.

Richie Barker



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gates are not only up but our match sponsorships are being snapped up at an alarming (but pleasing) rate. To follow a winning team is of course great, but to follow a team that is winning with flair and plenty of goals is quite something and I'm hoping that we will all get used to it this season!

EVERYONE CAN JOIN!

So let us keep everything on the boil. We have had a great start to the season. The Press have given

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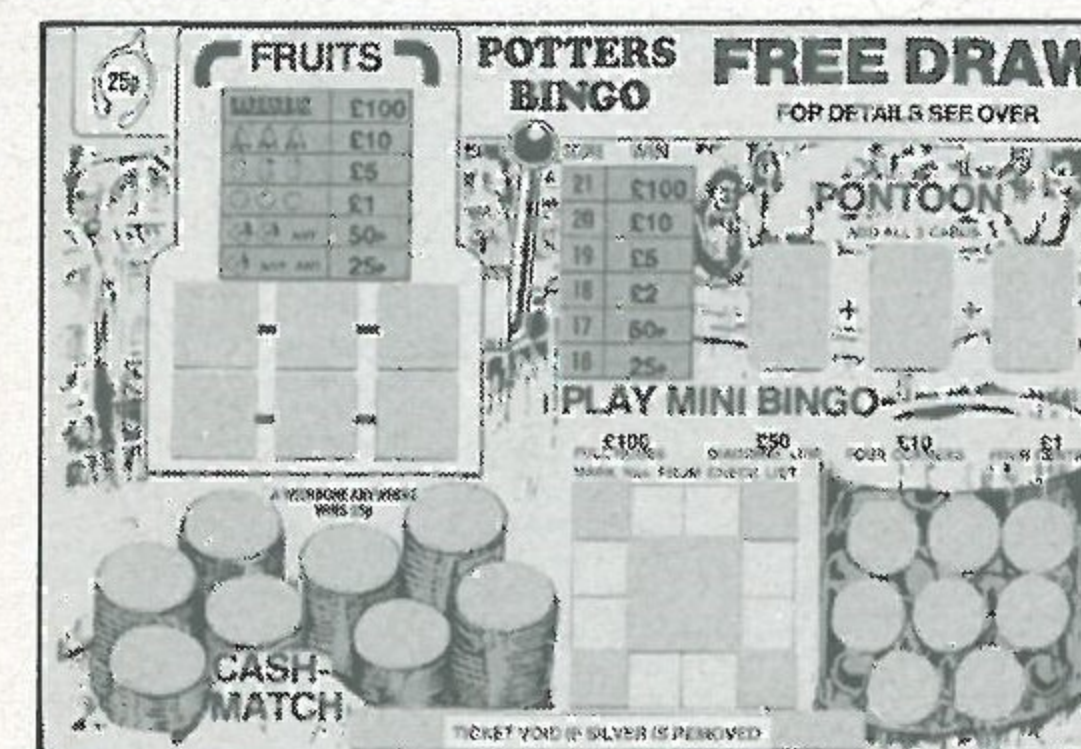
Quote: 'Tardelli's been responsible for more scar tissue than the surgeons of Harefield hospital.' — Jimmy Greaves on Italy's sweeper!

THE MISSING FANS

Seriously though, there is no secret as to why the missing television football fans amounted to millions of viewers last season. It is not the replays of the goals, the near misses or the sometimes stilted interviews or the 'talk me through this Joe' bits. The presentation of soccer on our TV screens has one big disadvantage and it would prove to be a disadvantage should plays or films be presented in the same circumstances.

WHO DONE IT?

I am sure that not so many people would watch a mystery drama if they knew 'who done it' BEFORE the play commenced. So the proposed idea to pick out one game and show it live in midweek or Sundays for peak-time transmission seems to be a splendid idea. What do you think?



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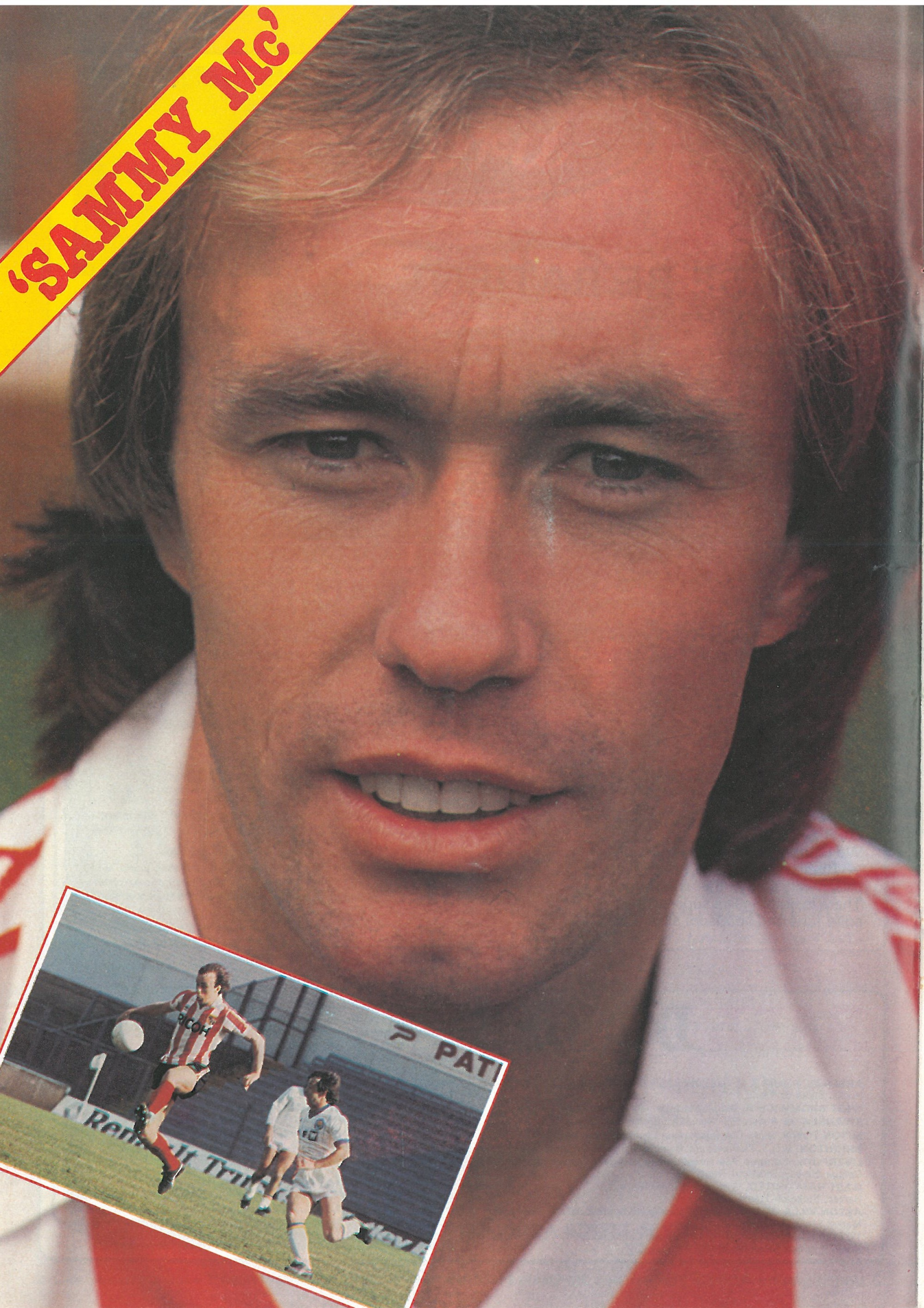
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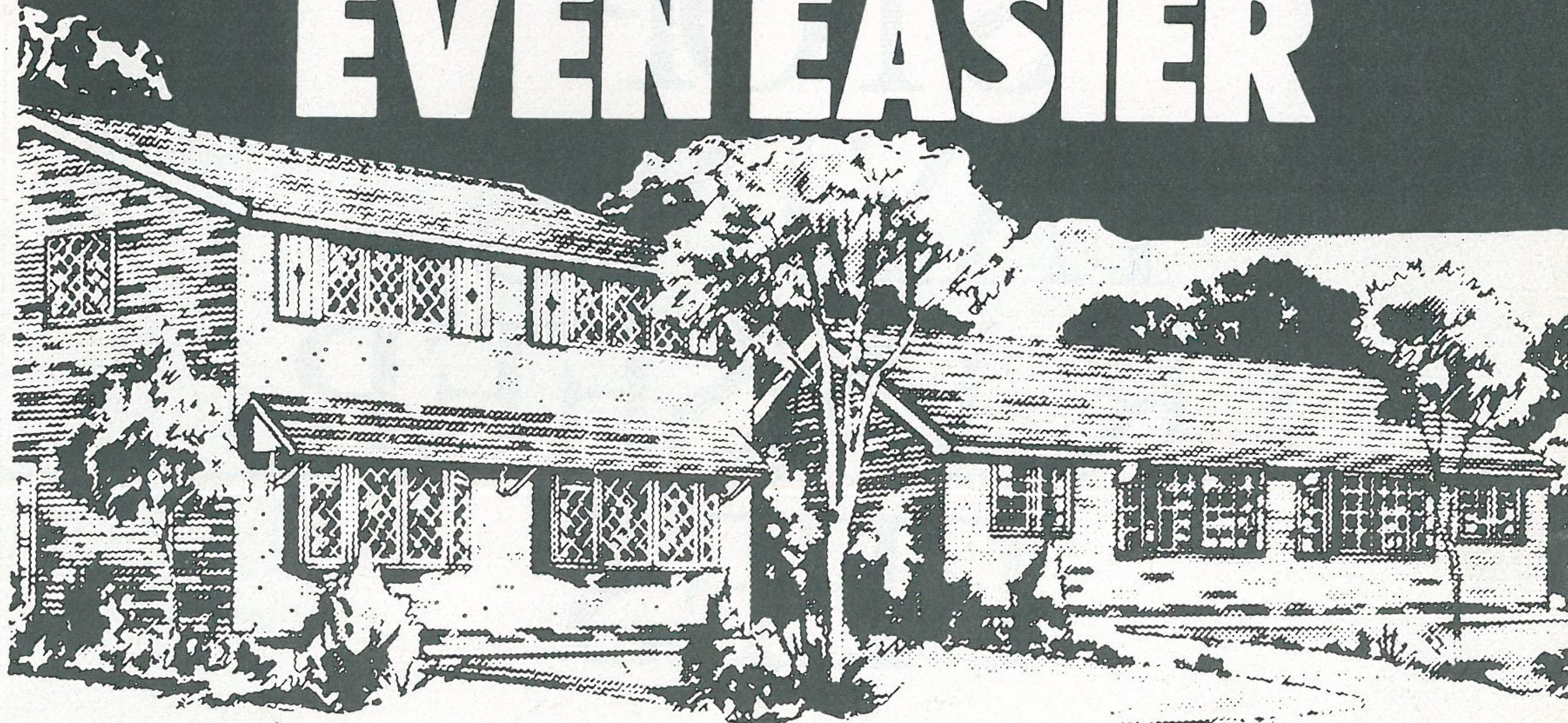
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'Crazy Horse'

Still pulls them in



When it comes to football, the swashbuckling Emlyn Hughes whose plundering exploits in the red shirt of Liverpool earned him the affectionate title "Crazy Horse," only knows one code . . . that of winning.

As a player of great distinction for England, Liverpool and Wolves, his attitude always remained the same, and now although he is saddled with the added responsibilities of management, he sees no reason to divert from his own positive doctrine.

Why should he! After just one full season as a player-manager with Rotherham United, the bright and breezy Hughes can claim more than just a modicum of success. The Merry Millers might have failed to gain promotion last season, but then who would have expected them to go up anyway when the season commenced?

Emlyn took charge of a Rotherham side newly promoted from the Third Division and while most Yorkshire fans would have settled for consolidation in the higher grade, he steered them to within four points of a place in soccer history in the First Division.

Thankfully Emlyn's approach to management has retained all the old enthusiasm and verve that made him such an exciting and effective player. There are no inhibitions or secret fears of failure, the former Liverpool captain simply oozes confidence and is tackling the Second Division challenge with the same refreshing positive approach that he used to overwhelm opponents with.

"There is no substitution for playing . . . none at all," admits the clean cut boy from Liverpool who can't resist pulling on his boots and getting a ball at his feet, "but when I do have to quit it won't affect my enthusiasm for the game," continues Hughes, "I love everything about football, particularly the management side which is total involvement."

Emlyn's bubbling enthusiasm is contagious and even the hard headed Yorkshire folk from this steel mill town are riding a wave of confident optimism that he will lead them to the promised land of the First Division.

In reality he admits that this scares him somewhat because success in football can never be guaranteed so what are his immediate plans?

The immediate response to that question is the famous smile which lights up his boyish features. With twinkling eyes he laughs; "My immediate ambitions are to have a good start to the season, a good middle and a fantastic end. . . . Seriously though my ambition really is for Rotherham United to play the kind of football that they produced last year and hopefully gain promotion. Because the type of football that we played was unmatched in the Second Division!

"We were entertaining, the fans loved it. The away crowds enjoyed our football when we visited them because we did not know how to go away and bottle up games, and that was refreshing in an era in which no score draws are common place.

"We were involved in only one 0-0 draw in 42 league matches last season and in that game, against Newcastle United, we missed a penalty in the last minute.

"Football is all about winning matches not about avoiding defeat. I tell my players to go out and enjoy their game and to try and win, that is all I can ask of them. I don't tell Tony Towner to go out and play right back. I don't tell Ronnie Moore to make sure the opposing centre-half does not get forward into our penalty area. Ronnie Moore is there to score goals for us and that is what he does tremendously well. Tony Towner is there to create goals and that is what he does brilliantly. So what is the point in asking forward players to defend? They are a pain in the ass back in their own defence.

"But you travel around and you see different teams playing scared. You see centre-forwards tracking back to cover centre-halves who have moved up. Right wingers making sure that left backs do not go forward . . . it is killing the game.

"That's not for me or Rotherham. Our fans want to see us play open attractive football, go out there and have a go. I say to my players; 'If you are a right winger then play as a right winger and get forward down the line. If you're a centre-forward then get in their box and score goals'. That's all I want them to do.

"I want Ronnie Moore to be sharp and alive and alert in their box not ours. I don't even want him in our area, I want him to score goals."

If many more managers adopted this attitude then the magic would soon return to the game and fans driven away by sterile defensive blanket football, would return to thrill at the skills of attacking players.

And for those who persist on the cautious side there is a valuable lesson to be learned from Emlyn Hughes and his attractive team. Rotherham United's gates increased last season from an average 7,700 the year before to 10,100. That is nearly a 30% increase and as Emlyn says: "You tell me another side in the country that has done that!"

By Colin Benson



PAOLO ROSSI **Puts the boot on the other foot**

As the 1982 World Cup Final between Italy and West Germany yawned into its 57th minute in the imposing Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid, a slimly built, pale faced young man, stooped to meet Cabrini's low cross and defiantly headed it past Schumacher into the German net from 10 yards.

Paolo Rossi, who only a few weeks prior had been pilloried by the Italian media, had brought the World Cup to life with the opening goal for Italy. It was his sixth goal in three consecutive matches, but this one was special . . . It was even enough to make Sandro Pertini — Italy's 85-year-old President, rise in the Royal Box to take a bow. Rossi the man branded as a cheat and suspended from football for two years had now played a major role in his country's political future, Rossi was no longer just a professional footballer but a national hero.

It is a remarkable story, the stuff of which schoolboy annuals once were made. Rossi, born in Prato, Tuscany, in September 1956, exploded onto the world stage in the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina. He returned a hero but within two years, the 'Bambino Del Oro' (Golden Boy) found himself the pawn in the sensational Totonero bribery scandal.

He was accused of fixing a game when he played for his first club, Perugia. The Italian courts cleared him, but the Italian FA were desperate to mend their tarnished image and they suspended their golden boy for two years.

His crime was not that he accepted money, but that he failed to inform the authorities that he had been approached, along with other members of his club, to fix results.

Although he always claimed his innocence, his career was in shreds. His club Vicenza, who had signed him for £3 million, decided to cut their losses and transferred Rossi to Juventus for £1.5 million but he could not make his debut for the Turin club until his suspension ended, just two weeks before the end of the last Italian League season. Although the exile had dulled his matchplay it had not killed his natural aptitude and Paolo, responded with two goals to help Juventus to their 20th national title.

It was heartening for national team manager Enzo Bearzot who gambled on Rossi solving his goalscoring problem. But against Poland, Peru and the Cameroon, Rossi remained but a shadow of his former self. The Italian press crucified him for his lacklustre performances and Bearzot was urged to send him home.

Then suddenly it all came back. Those immaculately timed runs, the devastatingly direct dribbling and the lethal finishing. Rossi hammered three goals into the Brazilian coffin. Almost single handed he had eliminated the firm favourites.

Two more goals in the semi-final against Poland emphasised that Rossi was back as king of the strikers. "Everyone expected miracles from me," he pleaded. "But what did they expect after I had been idle for two years? I was morally depressed and not fit, but in the end I surprised myself."

He also surprised a lot of other people as he finished the series with the 'Golden Boot' for scoring the most goals. One is only left to reflect just how good he would have been had he not been lost to the game for those vital two years, but Rossi himself is not bitter. He says: "I have thrown the ban out of my thoughts. You can hold a grudge for ever no matter what they have done to you. The only thing I want from the past is my old striking form."

Well Brazil, Poland and West Germany will all vouch that he has not lost the knack and the brilliant striker should be in even better form when Juventus open their European Cup campaign this autumn. Rossi's rise from the ashes in Spain was only the beginning. Now the 26-year-old Italian shooting star who underwent four cartilage operations before he was 20, wants to make up for all that time by winning a European Cup winners medal this season, and a European Championship winners medal with Italy in 1984.

But it is not only Rossi himself who benefited from his six goals in Spain. The Italian FA recognising that they would not have won the World Cup had they not reduced Rossi's sentence by a year in order to make him available for the World Cup Finals, have now decided to shorten the sentences imposed on 12 other players found guilty in the same "fixing" scandal of 1980.

No doubt the move towards clemency has been triggered by an enthusiastic desire to keep Italian football on top of the world, but it was obviously welcomed by national team boss Enzo Bearzot whose contract had been extended two years to take in the European Championship.

But not many players will measure up to the natural skills and application of Rossi, the 'Golden Boot' of world football, for he more than anyone paved the way for Italy's surprise triumph.

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FAMOUS CLUBS... NORWICH CITY

NORWICH CITY became national heroes in 1959 when they were just a boot lace away from a sensational Wembley Cup Final appearance. The cause of all the euphoria was the fact that the Canaries were still mere fledglings pottering around in the depths of the Third Division. Yet in the semi-final of the most famous of all cup competitions, they held First Division Luton Town at White Hart Lane.

Under the direction of the shrewd Archie Macaulay they came from behind to secure a creditable 1-1 scoreline when

Brennan pulled down McCrohan's cross and coolly slammed a right-foot drive past Baynham, in the 65th minute.

Norwich clearly had the ability to defeat the Hatters and become not only the first Third Division side to appear at Wembley but also the first Cup finalists from outside the top two divisions since Southampton — then in the Southern League — appeared in 1902.

Alas in the replay the ball did not run kindly for the Canaries and Luton edged it by a single goal, but the publicity and

reputation City had earned augered well for the future.

But this was not the first time the East Anglian side had created giant-killing acts in the FA Cup. As a Southern League club of only moderate standing, Norwich created a major surprise in 1909 when they defeated Reading at the third attempt and then travelled to Anfield to beat Liverpool 3-2, before losing at Bristol City.

The records show that Norwich City came into being in 1905, although it is known that there was a good class club in the city as long ago as 1880, but as to any connection between the two that is not certain.

The existing organisation commenced its football on the Newmarket Road, moving to "The Nest" in Rosary Road in 1909 but when the F.A. advised the club that the conditions did not meet their requirements a transfer to Carrow Road was completed in 1935. The year before 22,363 fans had swelled the ground to watch the game against Newport County.

It was a great landmark for the club which had entered senior football via the Southern League Division One in 1905. They competed in that competition until the season of 1919-20 — when they won the Norfolk Senior Cup — but when the Football League expanded, City became an original member of the Third Division.

For the first decade, Norwich languished in the bottom half of the Southern section and in 1931 was forced to seek re-election. After that things improved and City finished tenth then third before winning the Third Division (S) Championship in 1934 with 61 points, seven points clear of second placed Coventry City.

It was the club's first major success and its Second Division

career opened on August 25th, 1934 with a 2-1 defeat at Brentford. Two days later the home fans celebrated the 4-1 defeat of Bury but City found it hard going and finished 14th. The following season brought improvement with a final position of 11th but in 1939 it was 21st and back in the Third Division.

The early fifties provided much excitement as Norwich City finished second, third and fourth in 1951, 1952 and 1953 but in 1957 the club once more had to go cap in hand seeking re-election. Two years later came that famous Cup semi-final joust with Luton Town.

And then in 1960 came the breakthrough as City finished second to Southampton and returned to the Second Division. It was the start of the club's most glorious run. By the end of the 1961-62 season Norwich had won the Football League Cup, defeating Rochdale 4-0 over the two-leg final and in 1972 clinched its greatest prize to date, the Second Division Championship which brought First Division football to Carrow Road for the first time in the club's history.

That was a great season, even Dave Stringer scored five times and he remembers the fifth one very clearly, for it was at Watford in the final game of the season and it earned a 1-1 draw which clinched the title.



Ken Brown led the Canaries back to a top perch at the first attempt.

Ken Foggo had led the way with 13 goals, Peter Silvester 11 and Graham Paddon and David Cross had both scored eight each. Centre-half Duncan Forbes had also made his mark with the winners against Sheffield Wednesday and Swindon Town during the final run-in, and so Norwich on 57 points, beat Birmingham City by just a single point.

Everton provided the opposition for the Canaries baptism in the big time and 26,028 fans saw City take a first-half lead through Bone. The Merseysiders equalised however and the Canaries had to be content with the draw.

Although City finished only 20th, Ron Saunders' team had earned a reputation for their fitness and it was no surprise when they ended up at Wembley for the final of the Football League Cup. Leicester, Hull, Stockport, Arsenal and Chelsea had been beaten on route but in the Final Spurs maintained their record to finish as winners by 1-0.

Two years later and the Canary was chirping all the way to Wembley once again despite the disappointment of being relegated to the Second Division the spring before. Aston Villa provided the opposition this time after Bolton,

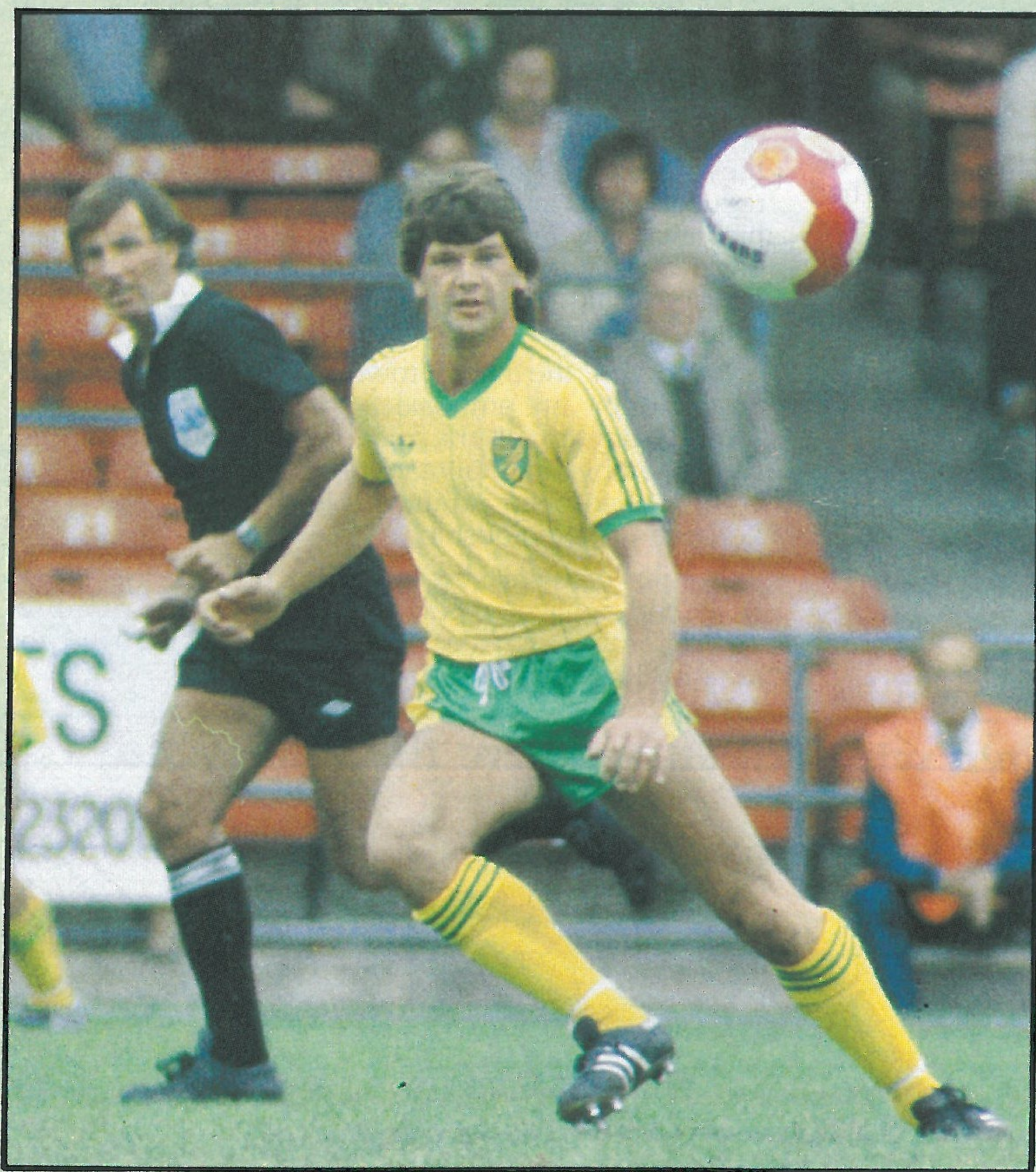
West Brom, Sheffield United, Ipswich and Manchester United had been seen off, and the Midlanders took the League Cup with yet another 1-0 victory.

In the Second Division, City also lost out to Villa who with Champions Manchester United were promoted, but although Norwich trailed some five points behind, third place was good enough to earn a ticket back to the First Division.

The season of 1975-76 was to prove the best ever in the club's history as far as results were concerned. They finished with final statistics of P42, W16, D10, L16, F58, A58, Pts 42 which left them in 10th place.

By 1979 Norwich had established itself under John Bond as a First Division side and massive development plans culminated in the opening of the one million pound Barclay Stand which brought Carrow Road into the top bracket. But during the season of 1980-81 Bond left for greener pastures at Manchester City and new boss Ken Brown was unable to halt the slide back to Division Two.

However Brown re-grouped his assets and hauled the Canaries back to the top at the first time of asking, finishing third behind Luton Town and Watford with one of the youngest teams in the Division.



Ross Jack led the goalscoring spree last season with 10 goals.

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CANARIES ROLE OF HONOUR

Division Two Champions	1971-72
Division Three (South) Champions	1933-34
Division Three Runners-up	1959-60
Football League Cup Winners	1962
Football League Cup Runners-up	1973, 1975

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1977-78	John Ryan	15
1978-79	Martin Peters	10
1979-80	Justin Fashanu	11
1980-82	Justin Fashanu	19
1981-82	Ross Jack	10

THE EUROPEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 1982-84

Now that the World Cup is dead and buried, the cream of Europe settle down this month to start the long road to the Finals of the European Championship which will culminate in France in the summer of 1984.

Already there have been some surprises, with Iceland holding Holland to a 1-1 draw in Group 7. England, under new boss Bobby Robson open in Denmark, Scotland play East Germany, Northern Ireland in Austria — Tommy Docherty and all — and the Republic of Ireland in Holland.

We will be looking at the teams the home countries have to beat through these columns during the season. The full draw and fixture list is as follows:

Group 1

(Belgium, German Democratic Republic, Scotland, Switzerland)

6.10.82	Belgium — Switzerland
13.10.82	Scotland — German Democratic Republic
17.11.82	Switzerland — Scotland
15.12.82	Belgium — Scotland
30.3.83	Scotland — Switzerland
30.3.83	German Democratic Republic — Belgium
27.4.83	Belgium — German Democratic Republic
14.5.83	Switzerland — German Democratic Republic
12.10.83	Scotland — Belgium
12.10.83	German Democratic Republic — Switzerland
9.11.83	Switzerland — Belgium
16.11.83	German Democratic Republic — Scotland

Group 2

(Poland, USSR, Portugal, Finland)

8.9.82	Finland — Poland
22.9.82	Finland — Portugal
10.10.82	Portugal — Poland
13.10.82	USSR — Finland
17.4.83	Poland — Finland
27.4.83	USSR — Portugal
22.5.83	Poland — USSR
1.6.83	Finland — USSR
21.9.83	Portugal — Finland
9.10.83	USSR — Poland
28.10.83	Poland — Portugal
13.11.83	Portugal — USSR

Group 3

(England, Hungary, Greece, Denmark, Luxembourg)

22.9.82	Denmark — England
9.10.82	Luxembourg — Greece
10.11.82	Luxembourg — Denmark
17.11.82	Greece — England
15.12.82	England — Luxembourg
27.3.83	Luxembourg — Hungary
30.3.83	England — Greece
16.4.83	Hungary — Luxembourg
27.4.83	England — Hungary
27.4.83	Denmark — Greece
15.5.83	Hungary — Greece
1.6.83	Denmark — Hungary
21.9.83	England — Denmark
12.10.83	Hungary — England
12.10.83	Denmark — Luxembourg
26.10.83	Hungary — Denmark
16.11.83	Greece — Luxembourg
16.11.83	Luxembourg — Denmark
3.12.83	Greece — Hungary
14.12.83	Greece — Luxembourg

Group 4

(Yugoslavia, Wales, Bulgaria, Norway)

22.9.82	Wales — Norway
13.10.82	Norway — Yugoslavia
27.10.82	Bulgaria — Norway
17.11.82	Bulgaria — Yugoslavia
15.12.82	Yugoslavia — Wales
27.4.83	Wales — Bulgaria
7.9.83	Norway — Bulgaria
21.9.83	Norway — Wales
12.10.83	Yugoslavia — Norway
16.11.83	Bulgaria — Wales
14.12.83	Wales — Yugoslavia
21.12.83	Yugoslavia — Bulgaria

Group 5

(Italy, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Sweden, Cyprus)

1.5.82	Rumania — Cyprus
8.9.82	Rumania — Sweden
6.10.82	Czechoslovakia — Sweden
13.11.82	Italy — Czechoslovakia
13.11.82	Cyprus — Sweden
4.12.82	Italy — Rumania
12.2.83	Cyprus — Italy
27.3.83	Cyprus — Czechoslovakia
16.4.83	Rumania — Italy
16.4.83	Czechoslovakia — Cyprus
15.5.83	Sweden — Cyprus
15.5.83	Rumania — Czechoslovakia
26.5.83	Sweden — Italy
9.6.83	Sweden — Rumania
21.9.83	Sweden — Czechoslovakia
15.10.83	Italy — Sweden
12.11.83	Cyprus — Rumania
16.11.83	Czechoslovakia — Italy
30.11.83	Czechoslovakia — Rumania
22.12.83	Italy — Cyprus

Group 6

(FRG, Austria, Northern Ireland, Turkey, Albania)

22.9.82	Austria — Albania
13.10.82	Austria — Northern Ireland
27.10.82	Turkey — Albania
17.11.82	Northern Ireland — FRG
17.11.82	Austria — Turkey
15.12.82	Albania — Northern Ireland
30.3.83	Northern Ireland — Turkey
30.3.83	Albania — FRG
23.4.83	Turkey — FRG
27.4.83	Austria — FRG
27.4.83	Northern Ireland — Albania
12.5.83	Albania — Turkey
8.6.83	Albania — Austria
21.9.83	Northern Ireland — Austria
5.10.83	FRG — Austria
12.10.83	Turkey — Northern Ireland
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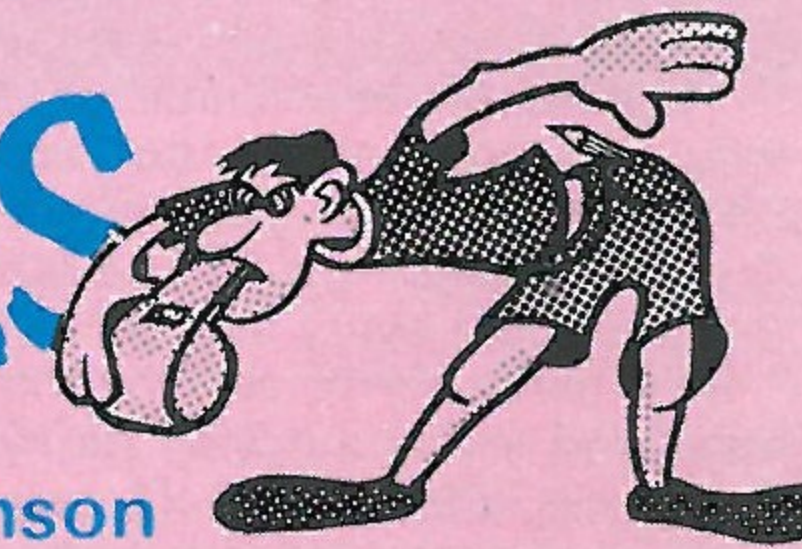
Group 7

(Spain, Netherlands, Republic of Ireland, Iceland, Malta)

5.6.82	Malta — Iceland
1.9.82	Iceland — Netherlands
22.9.82	Netherlands — Republic of Ireland
13.10.82	Republic of Ireland — Iceland
27.10.82	Spain — Iceland
17.11.82	Republic of Ireland — Spain
18.12.82	Malta — Netherlands
16.2.83	Spain — Netherlands
30.3.83	Malta — Republic of Ireland
27.4.83	Spain — Republic of Ireland
15.5.83	Malta — Spain
29.5.83	Iceland — Spain
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7.9.83	Netherlands — Iceland
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16.11.83	Republic of Ireland — Malta
17.12.83	Netherlands — Malta
21.12.83	Spain — Malta

It's time to blow the whistle on the ROOKIES

says Colin Benson



Kevin Keegan, here seen in action against Belgium, has learned to live with the inconsistencies of international officials.

When Joao Havelange, the stone faced President of FIFA, had the affront to acclaim the standard of refereeing in the 1982 World Cup Final series in Spain, had been very good, one was tempted to believe that even his granite features would crack open with laughter. But when he then expanded his thoughts to say that, "no single refereeing decision affected the result of any game," one could only at best put it down to paralogism and at worst to downright pig headed ignorance.

Indeed in the first series of matches the standard of officiating was so bad that it became the outstanding feature of the opening weeks. And because of the gravity of many crucial decisions, which influenced the eventual outcome of the games they were taken in, it would not be melodramatic to suggest that many referees were incompetent to the extent of bringing the game into disrepute.

It was entirely due to a complete lack of authority and the inability to administer the laws of the game correctly, that led to the first major incident of the series. It happened in Valladolid during a Group 4 match between France and Kuwait. The man in charge was a Russian, Miroslav Stupar, whose whole world collapsed before him when he disallowed a French goal after protests from the Kuwaitis who had responded to a whistle in the crowd.

As France attacked a shrill whistle pierced the air. The Arabs stopped, obviously believing that offside had been given, but France continued to walk through and score the easiest of goals through Giresse.

When Stupar signalled the goal, the World Cup exploded into violence as he was surrounded by incensed Arab players. The referee insisted that play continue and the Kuwaitis made to leave the field. Their FA President advised them to continue and at last the referee was persuaded to consult a linesman. This he did and then incredibly cancelled out the goal, indicating that the match would restart with a bounce ball.

At this juncture the French reacted viciously, players pushed and struck each other and the game was only restarted after a five minute delay. Stupar was suspended by a FIFA disciplinary committee, no doubt influenced by the drama of the human theatre that had ensued, for disallowing a perfectly good goal. The French were 3-1 up at the time, with 11 minutes to play, so it hardly influenced the result. It had been Stupar's action in the 30th minute of what was then a very innocuous game, which had a profound effect on the eventual outcome.

That was when Mohamad Karam had made a perfectly good tackle on Platini just outside the Kuwait penalty area. And yet although there was not even a hint of histrionics from the French captain, the referee awarded a direct free kick from which Bernard Genghini scored. That goal gave the dispirited French confidence and they went on to win well.

But the Kuwaitis could think themselves unlucky. For in their opening game against Czechoslovakia, they once more found themselves the victims of disgraceful refereeing.

This time Kwabena Dwomoh from Ghana was the culprit. A referee clearly out of his depth, he did not even look the part and strutted about like an indignant ostrich. His head was surely in the sand when in the 20th minute he awarded Czechoslovakia a penalty after Ma'Yoof and Vizek got in a tangle as the ball ran harmlessly out of play.

Had it not been for the sporting attitude of both teams he would have surely found himself in trouble. Unable to keep up with play, one incident in particular illustrates his inexperience. It happened in the second half when Czechoslovakia broke clear on the left. The linesman who was right in line with play kept his flag firmly by his side as a Czech forward broke with the ball. Incredibly Dwomoh, some 20 yards back, whistled for offside.

These are only isolated incidents from a tournament saturated with incompetence. Officials from Algeria, Australia, Bahrain, Costa Rica, Ghana, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Libya and the USA, just aren't up to the required standard.

Neither were some of the referees from Europe. Too many bad decisions decided games. Such as the penalty for Spain against Cameroon and the one they were awarded when trailing 0-1 to Yugoslavia for a foul committed at least two yards outside the area. Then there was Russia, denied an obvious penalty against Brazil when they were leading 1-0. Who knows what the outcome might have

been had the Russians gone two ahead.

And in that enthralling semi-final between France and West Germany, why did Dutch referee Charles Corver turn a blind eye to the most horrific foul of the whole tournament, when German "keeper" Schumacher broke a bone in Battiston's neck with a vicious and avoidable challenge. It was a deliberate foul of horrific magnitude and there should have been no doubt Schumacher should have received his marching orders and France been awarded a penalty.

I asked Havelange to cast aside his official tone and give his honest personal opinion of the refereeing standards. His reply was frighteningly predictable: "In my personal opinion the refereeing has been good," he said. "But it was the same in Argentina. There were complaints there that referees favoured the home team. There are always rumours, but they are unfounded."

Then the FIFA boss made a quite remarkable observation. He said: "FIFA have a commission with members from all continents represented and they choose the referees to officiate in the finals. There was no complaints before the tournament started, so why complain now."

Such logic does not bare thinking about. But the fact that FIFA would seem to prefer to ignore the realities of the situation rather than tackle them, is perhaps even more distressing than some of the outrageous decisions made by the men in black last summer.

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While football clubs struggle to survive the football pools continue to thrive and Littlewoods say that they are hoping for their first £2 million pay out this season.

It is a staggering thought and one which renews the old adage that there should be a tax placed on winnings, that could be ploughed back into the game which is the source of such wealth. That does not seem an unreasonable suggestion.

Through the auspices of the football pools many millions of punters who have no interest at all in football, apart from the tantalising prospect of winning a vast fortune, get countless hours of enjoyment and thrills checking off the results every Saturday evening. It does not seem unreasonable to ask them to pay a small percentage as a levy. The game badly needs the money if it is to continue producing at the same high standard.

At the moment such suggestions only fall on stony ground and the pools promoters continue on their profit making way this season with only one significant change in the Treble Chance rules. From the first Saturday in November to the last Saturday in April — the period in which they anticipate the worst of the winter weather — the number of matches needed to be called off to bring the Pools Panel into operation has been cut from 18 to 10.

That will certainly improve things from the punters point of view as will the clarification of the rules concerning cup-ties on coupons which have been printed before the previous round has been resolved. Now only ties involving two sides will be accepted.

ALL WASHED UP

When it comes to making a bob or two Stoke City Commercial Manager, Dudley Arliss is as shrewd as they come. In fact he knows a square deal when he sees one and so when Dudley says he is very excited about a project, you can bet it is worth keeping an eye on.

What had him bubbling so ecstatically this summer was a proposed promotion between the Football League and Lever Brothers, the giant soap and detergent conglomerate.

The company intended launching a massive sales promotion campaign which would tempt its customers with offers of cut-price and even free League soccer viewing on the production of so many vouchers.

The offer was to appear on each of their 13 brand name products which include, Persil, Surf, Handy Andy, Vim, Domestos and Brillo and would entitle children to free admission and adults to £2 off the seat price or free admission to the terraces.

The clubs maintained the option of which matches to issue tickets for, so naturally would not be required to release them for the sell-out games — should they have any.

The idea was presented to the League Club chairmen last March and to the Commercial Managers in May: "Everybody agreed it was fantastic," says Dudley and yet it did not get off the ground.

Lever Brothers needed confirmation by May 24th and the co-operation of all 92 League Clubs. Alas 57 clubs did not even bother to

reply, they were too short sighted to see the advantage they would get from advertising that goes into 41 million homes weekly. Or the spin-offs from encouraging families to come to the game.

When Lever Brothers operated a similar offer with British Rail a few years ago five million extra passengers travelled the railroad as a result. If the response was only a quarter of that football would be laughing!

"The big glamour clubs kill everything," says Kernick. "They think they can go it alone, but times are changing. Liverpool won the Championship and the League Cup last season but lost 51,000 fans. Arsenal qualified for Europe but lost 105,000 spectators. We have got to investigate every avenue to try and bring back the fans."

It certainly seems strange that at a time when the League itself was hoping to invest a million pounds in television advertising to promote the game, the chance to swamp 41 million households at only a fraction of that cost should be let down the sink.

Such insularity does not do the Football League's image as an advertising media much good. The game is crying out for major sponsors but it must show much more willingness to co-operate as a corporate body if the riches are to be plucked. Run a good campaign with a national body then the next step will be with a multi-national company then international, that's how it works.

I agree with Dudley it is a shame that this promotion is all washed up, but it is football that has been taken to the cleaners.

INSTANT JUSTICE

Players who get on the wrong side of referees too often this season will instantly know their fate under the new F.A. disciplinary procedure.

The Football Association have introduced a set sliding scale of automatic punishments to replace the previous cumbersome system which involved players appearing before disciplinary tribunals upon amassing 20 points or more.

It means of course that players can no longer plead for clemency in attempts to get lighter suspensions but it also means that there will be an end to the inconsistencies that have caused so much controversy in the past.

There have been many instances of injustices with players leaving the same disciplinary commissions having been meted with varying punishments and this has given solid foundation to the theory that there was one code for top class players and another for the rest. Now there can be no argument the penalties are fixed.

Another major factor is the incorporation of a time scale which accounts for the period over which the cautions have been issued, so that players totting up 21 disciplinary points over a whole season will not be as harshly dealt with as someone reaching that figure in the first three months.

The FA have also decided that players must receive at least six cautions instead of five before they are banned.

The new scale of fixed suspensions is as follows:

- * A player collecting 21 points between the start of the season and the last Saturday in November will incur a Three-match ban.
- * For 21 points amassed before the last Saturday in February there is a Two-match suspension.
- * A player conceding 21 points before the last Saturday in April will miss One match.
- * For those players totalling 21 points over the whole season there will be a warning.
- * There will be an extra two-match suspension for reaching 31 points at any stage of the season and the disciplinary commission will still sit to judge players who reach 41 points and to deal with players facing charges of bringing the game into disrepute.

20 YEARS AGO 20

We extended our unbeaten run to eight games with a 2-0 win over Burnley on 29th September 1962 to lift us to ninth place in Division Two. Bury were also doing well at that time and had lost only one of their previous five games, but after goalkeeper CHRIS HARKER had saved well from DENIS VIOLLET our former Manchester United striker put us into the lead when DON RATCLIFFE put him through in what looked a suspiciously off-side position.

Don also supplied the cross for JACKIE MUDIE's second-half goal that left us clear winners though the visitors' attack with teenager GEORGE JONES playing one of his first games for them gave JIMMY O'NEIL one or two anxious moments.

Teams . . .
STOKE: O'Neil, Asprey, Allen, Clamp, Stuart, Skeels, Matthews, Viollet, Mudie, Ratcliffe, Bebbington.
BURY: Harker, Hallagher, Eastham, Turner, Stokoe, Atherton, Twist, Jones, Calfer, Jackson, Bartley.

This defeat set the 'Shakers' back a little in the promotion race, Huddersfield staying top after a 1-1 draw at Plymouth and Newcastle moving into second place after a spectacular 6-0 win against Walsall at Fellows Park. Cardiff also chalked up a 6-goal away win (at Preston), ALAN DURBAN and MEL CHARLES being

amongst their scorers while today's visitors Luton slipped into the relegation zone after a 1-0 defeat at Swansea.

In Division One Spurs moved up to third with a remarkable 9-4 win over Nottingham Forest, JIMMY GREAVES getting four of the goals, but unbeaten Wolves were still going well at the top and got the better of Liverpool (in their first season up from Division Two) with TERRY WHARTON getting a late winner.

In Division Three Shrewsbury moved behind leaders Watford, QPR and Northampton with a 5-1 win at Notts County, ARTHUR ROWLEY getting a hat-trick while in Division Four Oldham, another unbeaten side stayed above Workington and Mansfield. It was in general a good day for away teams with 15 wins and 8 draws in 45 games. A total of 169 goals were scored (almost four per match) and there were only two goalless draws.

ALAN DURBAN



CLOUGH RELEGATED!

Don't shout it too loud, but Brian Clough suffered the ignominy of relegation last season.

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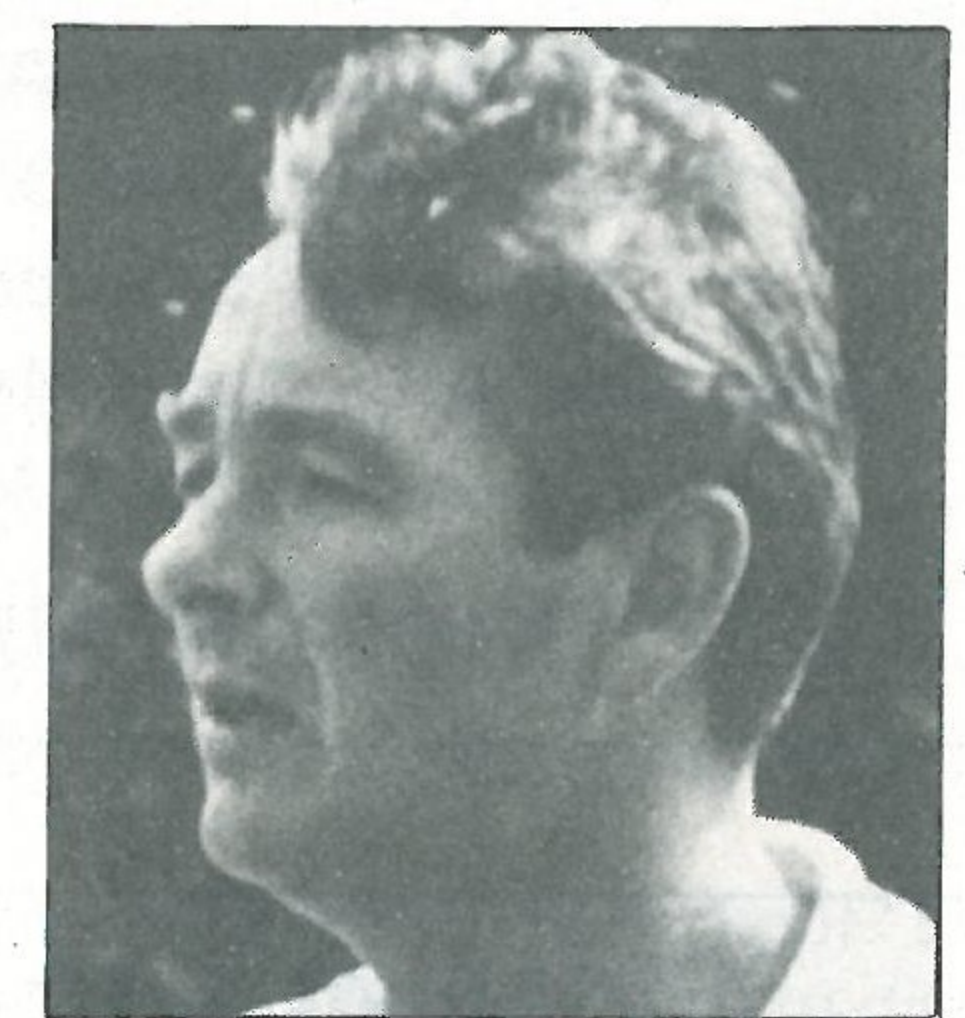
They were one of the six teams pulled out of the hat to drop into the new Second Division of the Central League, which has taken on a new format this season.

Instead of just one Division of 22 clubs, providing 42 matches, there will now be two Divisions of 16 teams giving each club 30 games. And there will be a four-up-four-down promotion and relegation system.

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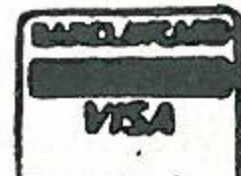
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'Not only do they know nothing about football, but if you were to shut them up in a room by themselves, they couldn't even write a letter to mother.'

This quote does NOT of course apply to our contributors. It was Cesar Menotti, Argentina's manager, on his country's journalists!

PRESS REPORT NEWS OF THE WORLD

Today Reg Drury pens his thoughts on the chances of promoted sides in the First Division

THE SECOND DIVISION 'CHAMPS' IN DIVISION ONE

The visit of Luton Town is a reminder how difficult it can be for newly-promoted clubs to survive in the First Division — Luton themselves have been up and down twice since the war.

But every now and again a club fresh out of the Second Division takes the big League by storm, and there have been three post-war instances of a team actually winning the First Division title in the initial season among the elite.

Spurs did it in 1950-51, Ipswich Town in 1961-62 and Nottingham Forest in 1977-78.

There was a brief period last season when it looked as though Swansea City might join this select group — and become the first-ever Welsh champions — but, in the end, the task proved just beyond them.

CHAMPIONSHIP REMOTE THIS SEASON

The chances of it happening this time seem remote, with due respect to Luton, Norwich City and Watford. Even allowing for Watford's bright start, I would think any of the promoted trio would be satisfied to occupy a final mid-table spot.

What of the 'Big Three' who did hit the jackpot? Even allowing for the passage of time, which tends to distort all our judgements, I would rate the Spurs push-and-run outfit — masterminded by Arthur Rowe — the pick of the bunch.

THE 'SPURS' RIPPED APART!

Remarkably, that Spurs side had a disastrous re-entry into the First Division. On the opening day of the season they were trounced 4-1 by Blackpool at White Hart Lane, ripped apart by a superb show of wing wizardry by Stanley Matthews.

But Spurs bounced back by winning the next match, 4-2 at Bolton, and made gradual progress through the First Division before taking over the leadership by the

New Year. After that they never looked back.

It was a tribute to manager Rowe's faith in his players that he made only one signing, inside-forward Peter Murphy, who commanded a first team place. The rest of the side — and it included outstanding performers like Ted Ditchburn, Alf Ramsey, Bill Nicholson, Ronnie Burgess and Eddie Bailey — had stepped straight out of Division Two.

ALF'S KNOW-HOW

Ramsey clearly absorbed the lesson, for he was boss of the Ipswich team which emulated his old club 11 years later. A triumph which owed most to Alf's tactical know-how.

Those of us around at the time will remember how Ramsey used his outside-left Jimmy Leadbetter in a withdrawn role which baffled opponents while Ray Crawford and Ted Phillips thumped in the goals. Ipswich only just failed to reach the 100 mark.

But it wasn't until the last couple of games that Ipswich took over at the top, pipping Burnley and Spurs for the crown. The decisive results were a double over Spurs, who thus just failed to win the League and FA Cup for the second successive season.

STAR CAPTURES

Forest, by contrast, were pacemakers all the way as they confounded the critics to win the championship. Again shrewd management was the key, for Brian Clough signed goalkeeper Peter Shilton, central defender Kenny Burns and midfield maestro Archie Gemmill to reinforce the team which had scraped out of the Second Division.

No doubt of the star capture — Peter Shilton. If anything, the goalkeeping of Shilton was even more influential than that of Ditchburn had been in the Spurs success under Rowe.

The irony was all the greater in Shilton's case because the previous season he had been a member of a side relegated from the First Division. Remembering where I am, I won't mention any names!



PETER SHILTON

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Monica Hartland, Chairman
Stoke City Supporters Club
London, South & West



The hospitality accorded us by our growing number of friends in the Potteries would suggest that no introduction is needed. Today, as we donate the match ball, however, a reminder of our objectives would not go amiss and indeed I hope that it may help in our recruitment drive.

Founded in 1968 to support Stoke City Football Club, to promote the interests of Stoke City supporters in the South & West and to encourage friendly relations with supporters of other football clubs. To counter-balance the over exposure of the wretched hooligan element, I must stress that we are totally committed to the ideals of the Association of Provincial Football Supporters' Clubs in London and as one of its founder members, we socialise, compete in a variety of sporting activities and travel with supporters of its 36 member clubs. We have done our fair share on the organisational side, too, and our present vice-chairman, Dave Fox, continues the ever present role of our club on APF-SCIL's governing body.

Members will need no reminding that, in recent years, 'our' ball has had an embarrassing knack of at best being heftily projected into the car park or at worst all too frequently finding the wrong net. We remain undaunted, however, indeed cheerfully optimistic on this occasion, for the West Brom game surely exhausted our supply of bad luck for a few weeks at least! Let's hope that our encounter with the admirable David Pleat's protégées will be the cracker we anticipate.

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ty — and football isn't always the winner, do spare a thought for those of us for whom Euston Station is as resignedly familiar as was plaster of Paris to Denis Smith. My own experience, involving a 340 mile round trip to home games alone, is certainly not unique, for we have season ticket holders from as far east as Southend and Ipswich and south to Sussex and Hampshire while another of our Surrey contingent even made it to the pre-season friendlies. And if you encounter a sleepy young man in the Social Club, it could be Mark Hyslop who travels from Cornwall via London in support of the lads!

ANOTHER MARK!

Nor are our aspirations confined merely to that long awaited visit to Wembley, for we aim right for the top. One of our younger members, Mark Hanley, is presently undergoing trials at the Victoria Ground. With a first name like that (and such a second name!) he can hardly fail.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted that our Player of the Season is doing such a fine job and take this opportunity to congratulate Paul on winning his first cap at Under-21 level for England in Denmark.

Considering Fleet Street's sporting journalists would need a map, if not a compass, to locate the Victoria Ground, this should be a source of encouragement to the rest of our present and potential internationals. And although this season's success is based on a team effort, one cannot ignore the startling contribution of our new winger. It is indeed a relief to know that, in legal terms, there is no mental equivalent of grievous bodily harm or an increasing number of full-backs would be queuing up to have Mark put 'inside'!

MORE CUSTOMERS

It has been exhilarating to date as we all contemplate the next fixture with an enthusiasm and optimism the more enjoyable for its unfamiliarity. Mr Percy Axon and Richie Barker have set out their stall — and very appetising it looks right now. But they need more customers, and there ought to be a marked response to the manager's commendable attacking policy.

If that friend or relative you're about to brainwash happens to be in our catchment area, I'm to be found in Booth Stand Block C, Row B 54 — alternatively in the Social Club after the game. Otherwise details for membership application from Dudley Kernick in the Promotions Office.

Best wishes to everyone at the Victoria Ground for the rest of the season.

RESERVES AND JUNIORS

By Tony Lacey



BLACKBURN RESERVES 8 STOKE CITY RESERVES 3 DEFEAT IN FIRST CENTRAL LEAGUE GAME

It was debut day for centre-back, Neil Howells, who had signed as an apprentice only seven days earlier and local Rotherham keeper Paul Frith called in as late replacement for Paul Field.

The visitors started well and deservedly took the lead when Ford broke clear to cross for Lumsden to volley home after 18 minutes. On the half-hour, Blackburn hit back with a header from Mail. Five minutes later Butcher scored to give the home team the lead. In the final minutes Butcher completed his hat-trick to send Stoke in 4-1 down.

Lennox replaced Howells after the interval, but Blackburn continued to pressure and further goals came from Murphy and Burke. To their credit Stoke fought back with goals from Ford and Lumsden to bring the score back to 6-3, but during the final 10 minutes Blackburn scored two more against the numbed Stoke defence and the unhappy Frith.

It had been an unfortunate start to the Central League programme and one we shall want to forget, but due to circumstances not a great deal to read into.

STOKE CITY RESERVES 3 CARDIFF RESERVES 1 PAUL FIELD GETS A GAME

In this friendly game at the Victoria Ground the home side had local keeper Paul Field playing and also the experienced Alan Dodd in the sweeper role behind Bould and McAughtrie. Stoke started well and took the lead through a Lumsden penalty. Field was called upon rarely, but looked confident and the home attack continually threatened through Griffiths, Ford and Ursem.

Following half-time Cardiff surprisingly drew level, when they caught Stoke with a quick break. However, the home team regained control, increasing their lead with two very good goals from Ford. Stoke had a number of chances, but the score remained 3-1.

STOKE CITY 'A' 4 SHREWSBURY RESERVES 0 INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE VICTORY

Stoke fielded a mixture of experience and youth to face the visitors, with Dodd, Bould, Lumsden, Ursem being joined by Johns, Howells, Parkin and Davis. It was Stoke who settled quickly, with Lumsden and Parkin dictating in midfield. After 10 minutes, a fine ball by Ursem saw Lumsden take advantage of a goalkeeping error to give the home team a deserved lead. Numerous chances were being created by some good, positive play by Stoke and Ursem got a second goal. Following good work by Wallace and Parkin shortly before half-time the Dutchman made it three and Ronan was unlucky to have a fine goal disallowed for off-side.

Following half-time, Stoke continued to dominate and the hard working Johns headed a fine goal from Ursem's well judged cross. Stoke had further opportunities with Johns, Ursem, Lumsden and Maskery all going close. The score remained 4-0, at the end of a fine open game, in which Stoke had played some enterprising football.

MANCHESTER CITY YOUTH 0 STOKE CITY YOUTH 2

In this friendly game Stoke quickly took control with Maskery, Lennox and Parkin, dominating the midfield. After 20 minutes a good move saw Lennox give Stoke the lead with a well taken goal. The visitors continued to dominate with Painter, Johns and Saunders all going close. Little had been seen of the Manchester attack due largely to centre-backs Davis and Howells.

Following the interval Manchester exerted more pressure, but the visitors held firm and replied with a quick break with Painter being brought down for a penalty which he converted himself. Stoke completely overran Manchester with chances continually being created with Saunders, Lennox and Wallace all going close. The score remained 2-0 giving Stoke a very convincing win and an excellent team performance.

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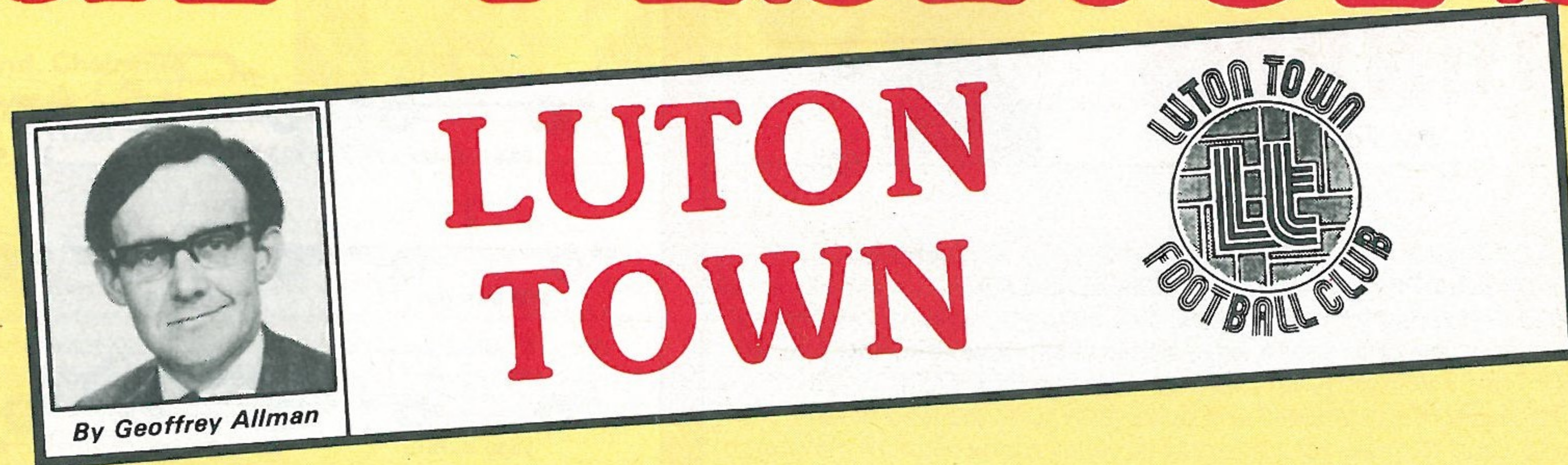
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Two five-goal bursts at Kenilworth Road and a 3-3 draw at Anfield. These are the highlights of Luton's return to Division One this season as they have brought a refreshing brand of attacking soccer that reflects great credit on manager DAVID PLEAT, one of soccer's 'low profile bosses'.

In fact the 'Hatters' could well be on the fringe of the most exciting era in their 98-year history. They had been in existence for just two years when joining the Second Division in 1897. They lost their Football League place in 1900 and then had to wait 20 years before returning as founder-members of Division Three (South) in 1920. They stayed there until winning promotion to Division Two in 1937 and then in 1955 they climbed to Division One for the first time ever.

Four years later they reached the FA Cup Final, going down to Nottingham Forest at Wembley, but then came a decline. In 1960 they lost their First Division place, in 1963 they slipped into Division Three and then in 1965 they became the second side (Brentford were the first) to have fallen all the way from Division One to Division Four.

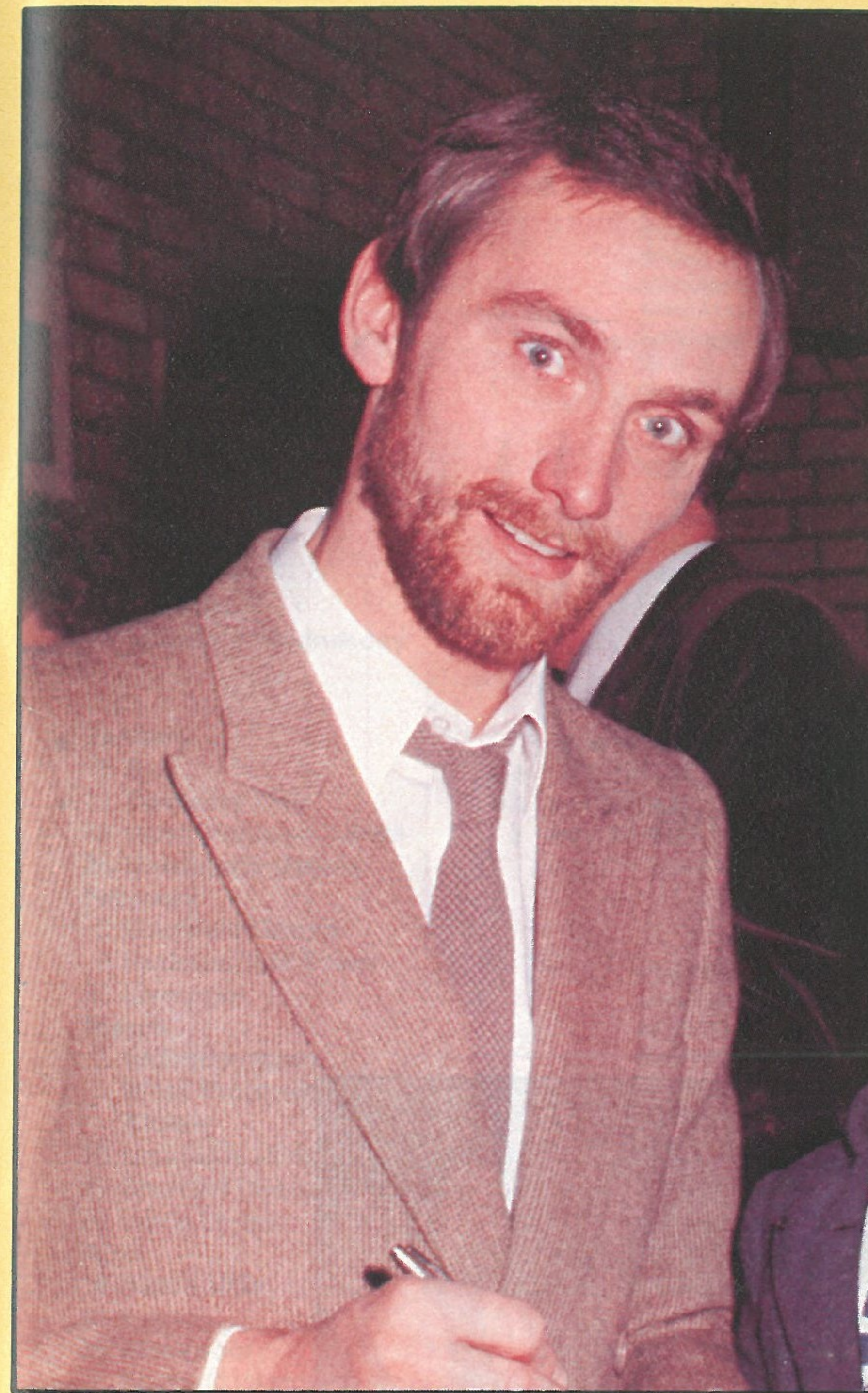
To their credit they fought back and by 1974 they were back again in Division One though they stayed up for only one season and were engulfed in a severe financial crisis that threatened their existence. Again they weathered the storm and after finishing sixth in 1979 and fifth in 1980 they won promotion last season, topping Division Two by an eight-point margin and losing only four games all season. What's more, their tally of 86 goals was the highest in the top three Divisions.

THIS SEASON

Happily they have brought this goalscoring habit into Division One and the odds at the moment seem to be against another goalless draw such as occurred in their last two Second Division visits here. At home they have lost 2-0 to West Ham and have beaten Notts County 5-3 and Brighton 5-0 while on their travels they have drawn 2-2 at Tottenham, lost 4-1 at Aston Villa and drawn 3-3 at Liverpool.

Both PAUL WALSH, a close season signing from Charlton, and South African BRIAN STEIN (who got 21 goals last season) have already chalked up hat-tricks while DAVID MOSS (from Swindon five years ago) and WAYNE TURNER (son of former star striker Gordon Turner) have also found the net.

Wayne links up in midfield with RICKY HILL, a recent recruit to Bobby Robson's England squad, and BRIAN HORTON, who made a great impact in last season's promotion drive after moving from Brighton. In defence MAL DONAGHY, victim of an atrocious piece of refereeing in Ireland's World Cup win over Spain, links up with CLIVE GOODYEAR, who made his debut three years ago, with KIRK STEPHENS (who has missed only four games in the last three seasons) and RICHARD MONEY (ex-Scunthorpe, Fulham and Liverpool) on the flanks. In goal JAKE FINDLAY should be back in action following his strained muscle sustained at Liverpool. He has missed only a few games since moving from Aston Villa four years ago.



STAR VISITOR

BRIAN HORTON

Brian Horton recently celebrated his 500th League game by helping his side to a thrilling 3-3 draw at Anfield despite losing their goalkeeper and he has been a key factor in Luton's remarkable progress in the last year just as he was in also helping his previous clubs Port Vale and Brighton to promotion.

It was as a schoolboy in Cannock (West Midlands) that Brian was first spoken of in a match programme as 'a player of great possibilities given time to mature'. His first League club was Walsall, but after two years there playing mainly as a winger in the Reserves he was released.

He then linked up with his local West Midland League club, Hednesford Town, the team with which Gordon Lee (then manager of Port Vale) had started his career. Brian had two good seasons in midfield with a penchant for scoring goals and in 1970 he moved to Vale.

His debut was against us in September 1970 and in the course of the next six seasons twice helped Vale to come within striking distance of promotion. By the time he moved to Brighton in March 1976 he had scored 33 goals in 236 games.

As at Vale Park he graduated to the captaincy of Brighton, led them to promotion in 1979 and in the next two seasons helped them to hold on to First Division status in two tight struggles. In six seasons he netted 33 goals, exactly the same tally as for Vale, and then gave his career a new lease of life by moving to Luton, who were looking for a last piece in a promotion jigsaw after having just missed out in 1980-81.

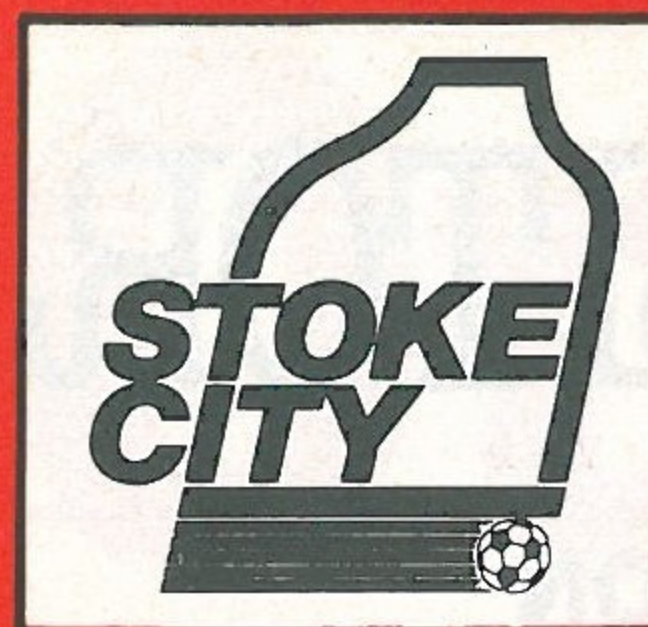
Soon he was making the midfield click and in the course of a highly successful first season missed only one game and scored match winners against Swindon in the FA Cup and against Cambridge in Division Two. Today he returns to the area where he played so many sterling games for Vale and where he made his mark against us for Brighton in both Second and First Division encounters.



Back row (left to right): Rob Johnson, Wayne Turner, Stacey North, Michael Small, Clive Goodyear, Frank Bunn, Billy Kellock, Paul Walsh.
 Middle row: John Moore (Youth Team Coach), Richard Money, Mike Saxby, Andy Beasley, Jake Findlay, Alan Judge, Mark Aizlewood, Lil Fuccillo, Trevor Hartley (Coach).
 Front row: David Coates (Coach), Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens, Brian Horton, David Pleat (Manager), David Moss, Brian Stein, Raddy Antic, John Sheridan (Physio).

7. When did Luton win the Fourth Division Championship? Answer on Statistics page.

8. Which Luton player scored a hat-trick against Notts County this season? Answer on Statistics page.



FOR THE RECORD

+ Player replaced by substitute * Own Goal ● Goalscorer Home fixtures in bold Copyright of The Football League

Opponents	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	Fox	Parkin	Hampton	Bracewell	McAughtrie	Berry	Griffiths	McIlroy	O'Callaghan	Thomas	Chamberlain	Maguire	Watson	Own Goal
Goals Scored										1	1		1	2	2	3	1	2
1982																		
August																		
28 Arsenal	2-1	15,504	3	-1	2	3	4	5	6●	7	8	9●	10	11				
September																		
1 Manchester City	0-1	27,847	3	-1	2	3	4	5	6	7+	8	9	10	11	12			
4 Birmingham City	4-1	14,412	6	9	2	3	4	5+	6	7●	8	9	10	11●	12			
8 West Bromwich Albion	0-3	17,447	6	12	2	-	4	-	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5		
11 Swansea City	4-1	14,056	9	8	2	3	4	-	6	-	8	9	10●	11	7●	5●		
18 Ipswich Town	3-2	19,119	12	4	2	3	4	-	6	-	8	9	10●	11	7●	5		
25 Luton Town																		
October																		
2 Nottingham Forest																		
6 West Ham Utd (MC R2-1L)																		
9 Manchester United																		
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19 West Ham United																		
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9 Manchester City																		
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21 FA Cup Final																		



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CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

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DIVISION ONE TABLE 1982-83

1982	P	W	D	L	Home			Away			Pts
					F	A	W	D	L	F	
September											
11 Blackburn	6	3	0	0	8	2	2	0	1	5	3
22 Huddersfield	6	2	1	0	9	6	2	1	0	5	0
29 Wolverhampton	6	3	0	0	7	1	1	0	2	4	4
October											
2 Manchester United	6	2	0	1	6	5	2	0	1	7	4
9 Liverpool	6	2	0	1	2	1	2	0	1	4	3
November											
2 Coventry City	6	1	1	1	7	3	2	0	1	4	2
13 Manchester United	6	2	0	1	9	5	1	0	2	1	6
17 Aston Villa	6	2	0	1	10	5	0	2	1	6	9
24 Leeds United	6	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	2	4	8
December											
1 Blackpool	6	2	1	0	9	2	0	0	3	1	5
8 Everton	6	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	2	5	7
22 Sheffield Wednesday	6	1	1	1	3	3	1	0	2	3	7
1983											
January											
5 Bury	6	2	0	1	6	4	0	1	2	2	6
12 Coventry City	6	2	1	0	5	3	0	0	3	0	14
19 West Bromwich Albion	6	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	13
26 Newcastle United	6	0	1	2	4	6	0	2	1	3	5
February											
2 Sheffield United	6	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	8
9 Huddersfield Town	6	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	13
23 Liverpool	6	0	1	2	4	6	0	2	1	3	5
March											
2 Wolverhampton	6	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	13
9 West Bromwich Albion	6	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	13
16 Newcastle United	6	0	1	2	4	6	0	2	1	3	5
23 Sheffield United	6	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	13
29 Leeds United	6	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	13
April											
6 Aston Villa	6	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	13
12 Everton	6	0	1	2	4	6	0	2	1	3	5
20 Blackpool	6	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	13
26 Sheffield Wednesday	6	0	1	2	4	6	0	2	1	3	5
May											
4 Blackburn Rovers	6	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	13
18 Bury	6	0	1	2	4	6	0	2	1	3	5

Up to and including Saturday 18th September

CENTRAL LEAGUE TABLE DIV. ONE 1982-83

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Bromwich Albion	4	2	2	0	7	2	6
Manchester United	3	2	1	0	8	1	5
Aston Villa	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
Everton	4	1	2	1	4	2	4
Liverpool	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Sheffield Wednesday	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Sheffield United	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
Newcastle United	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Coventry City	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Blackburn Rovers	4	1	0	3	8	14	2
Leeds United	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Blackpool	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Wolverhampton Wand.	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Huddersfield Town	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Stoke City	1	0	0	1	3	8	0
Bury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TEAMCHECK

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	PETER FOX	1	JAKE FINDLAY	JUDGE
	DEREK PARKIN	2	KIRK STEPHENS	
	PETER HAMPTON	3	RICHARD MONEY	
	PAUL BRACEWELL	4	BRIAN HORTON	
	DAVE WATSON	5	MIKE SAXBY	GOOD YEAR
	GEORGE BERRY	6	MAL DONAGHY	
	PAUL MAGUIRE	7	RICKY HILL	
	SAMMY McILROY	8	BRIAN STEIN	
	BRENDAN O'CALLAGHAN	9	PAUL WALSH	
	MICKEY THOMAS	10	WAYNE TURNER	
	MARK CHAMBERLAIN	11	DAVID MOSS	
	Mc AUGHRIE	12	ANTIC	

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